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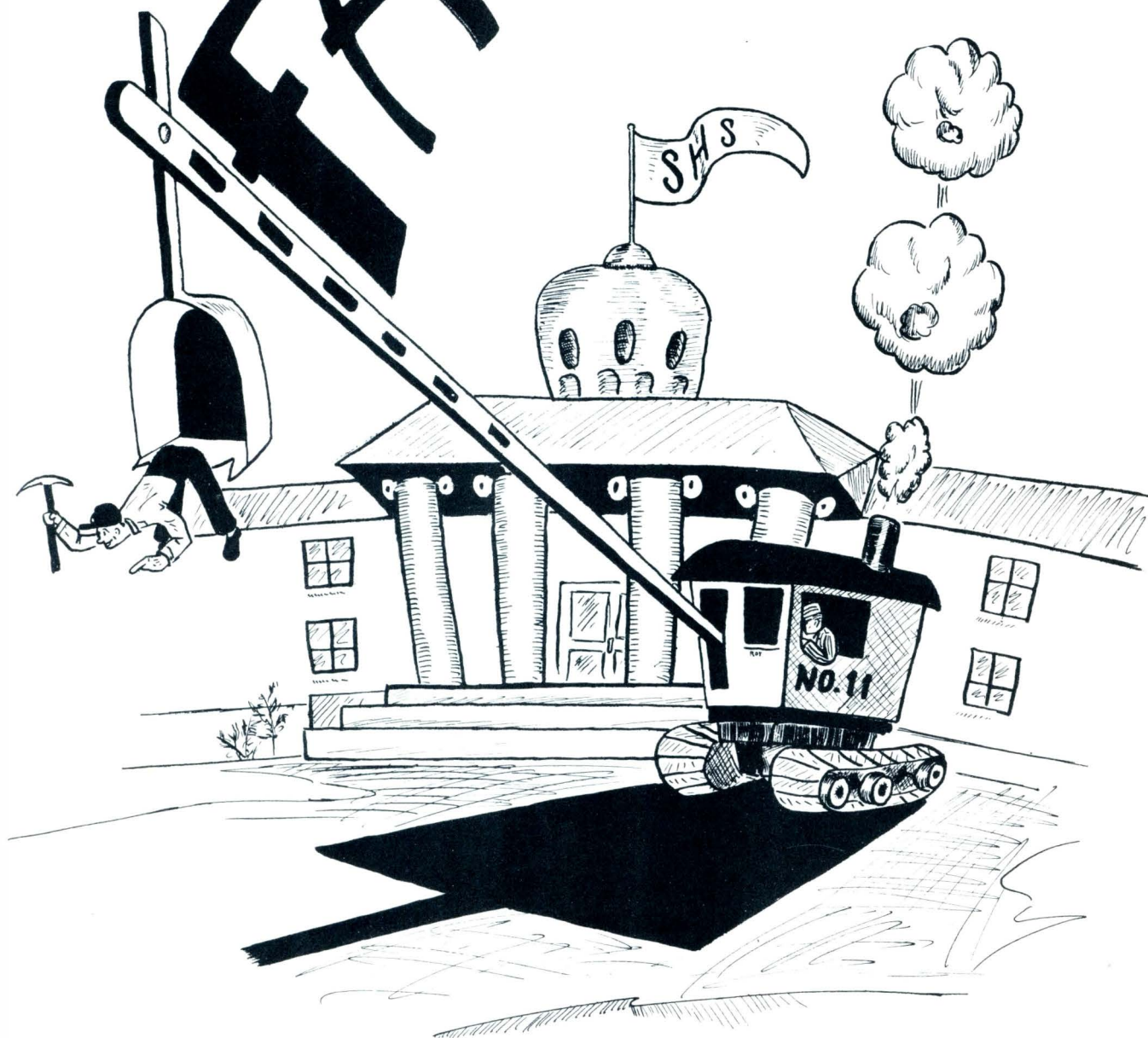


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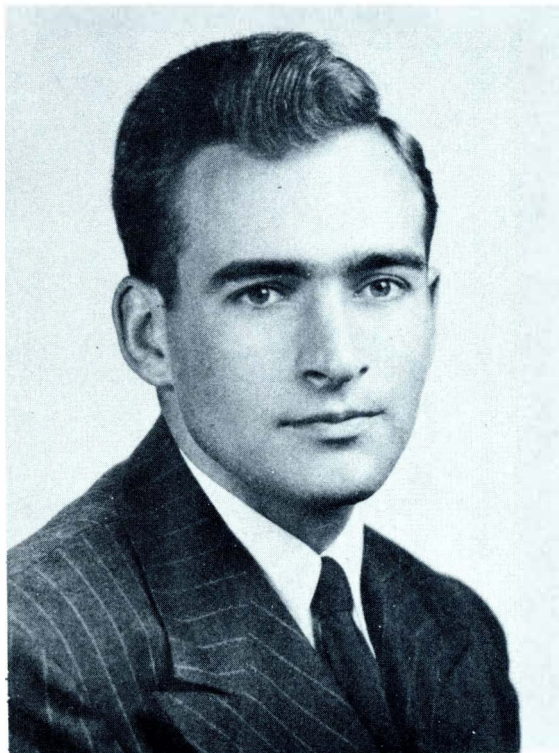
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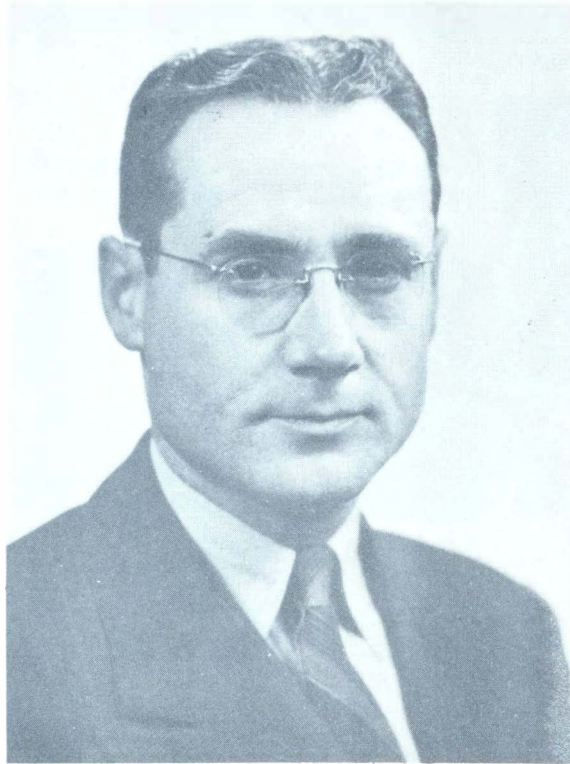


DEDICATION



FREDERICK STEVENS

To Coach Fred Stevens,
in appreciation of his inspiring
leadership in athletics, we
dedicate this book.



DR. ROY C. BRYAN

Principal

E. Burns
English



H. Brown
Phys. Ed.



L. Britton
Choir



E. Beloof
Music



R. Acree
Home Economics



G. Cooper



G. Crisman
English



R. Deur
Science



F. Fliess
German
French



J. French
Government



E. Kraft
Latin



V. Jarman
Office



L. Hackney
Mathematics



L. Haaby
History



E. Green
Library

L. Lindquist
Business



R. Smith
Nurse



H. Paden
Art



C. Snow
Science



W. Sack
Speech

N. Schoenhals
Industrial Arts

A. L. Sebaly
History



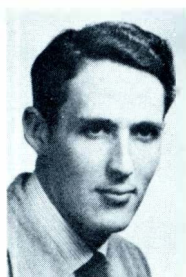
S. Reed
Home Economics



E. Steketee
Gov't. & Econ.



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History



M. Vincent
Latin



L. Roseboom
Nurse



E. Weber
Mathematics





SENIORS

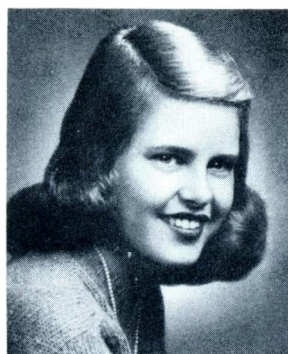




Eddie Lou Bennett

*"I knew no friend but
he was true to me."*

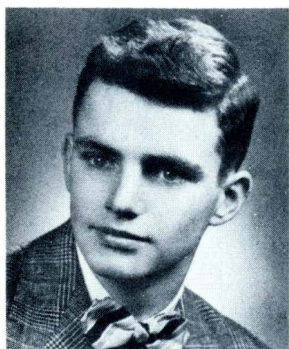
Entered 2; Bridge 2,3; Modern
Dance 3; Christmas Play 3;
Choir 2,3,4; Operetta 2,3,4.



Mollie Boylan

*"All nature wears one
universal grin."*

Bridge 1; Debate 2; Masquers
3; G.A.A. 3.



Harold Bills

*"He was capable of do-
ing anything."*

Hunters 1; Stamp 8; Masquers
3; Student Council 1,3,4; Student
Council President 4; Spring
Play 3; Monitors 2; Cheerleader
2,3; Track 1,2,3,4; Football 3,4.



Doris Burnett

*"Where is the laughter
that shook the rafter?"*

Entered 2; Chess 2.



Dawn Birch

*"And ever as she went
some merry lay she
sang."*

Masquers 1,2,3; Debate 2,3;
Girls' Glee Club 3; Choir 2,3,4;
Operetta 2,3,4; Monitors 2;
Spring play 4.



Roger Burns

*"His limbs were cast in
manly mould for hardy
sports and contests
bold."*

Student Council 1; Hi-Y 2; Chess
2; "S" Club 3,4; Choir 1,3; Op-
eretta 1,3; Basketball 1,2,3; Foot-
ball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.



Glen Bishop

*"And oft I have heard
defended, little said is
soonest mended."*

Entered 2



Julie Cartland

*"She started to sing as
she tackled the thing
that couldn't be done,
and she did it."*

Bridge 1,2; Masquers 2,3; High-
lights Club 1,4; Debate 3,4;
G.A.A. 2,3; Class President 3;
Highlights 2,3,4; Highlights Edi-
tor 4.



Joan Bixby

*"Where there's music
there cannot be mis-
chief."*

Entered 2; Masquers 2; Bridge
3; G.A.A. 4; Creative Writing 4;
Photography 4; Monitors 4.



Nelma Jean Connor

*"Those move easiest
who have learned to
dance."*

Girl Reserves 1; Stamp 2; Mod-
ern Dance 3; Highlander 4; Op-
eretta 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Monitors
3.



Peggy Cooley
"Whose face is this so musically fair?"
 Entered 2; Dance 2,3; Choir 3,4; Operetta 3,4; Monitors 4.



Boyd Dewey
"Let us have no meandering."



Virginia Crain
"Quietly she makes herself known."
 Entered 2; Bridge 2,3,4; Photography 3; Monitors 3,4.



Mary Helen Dorgan
"Everyone was her friend."
 Masquers 1; Bridge 1,2,3,4; Christmas Play 1.



Betsy Davis
"Leisure is the time for doing something useful."
 Orchestra 1,2; Debate 2,3,4; Highlights Club 1,4; Christmas Play 3,4; Choir 1,4; Operetta 1,4; Highlights 2,3,4; Masquers 3.



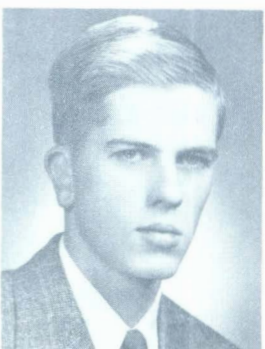
Robert Dunbar
"Rosy - complexioned Health thy steps attends, and exercise thy lasting youth defends."
 "S" Club 1,2,3,4; Student Council 1,2; Class President 1; Choir 3; Operetta 3; Highlights 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4.



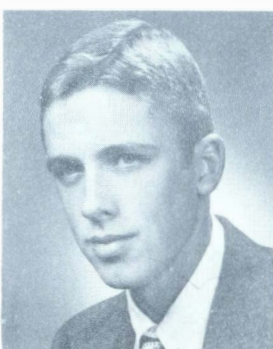
Stephen Davis
"Gloomy cares will be enlightened by a song."
 Masquers 1,4; Boys' Glee Club 2,3; Christmas Play 1; Choir 1,2,3,4; Operetta 1,2,3,4; Entered 3; Chess 3.



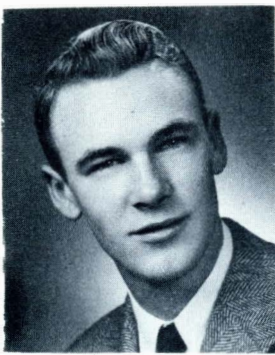
Ruth Ann Emerson
"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."
 Bridge 1; Masquers 2; Forum 2; Science 3; Dance 3; Student Council 4; Band 1,3,4; Orchestra 1,2,3,4.



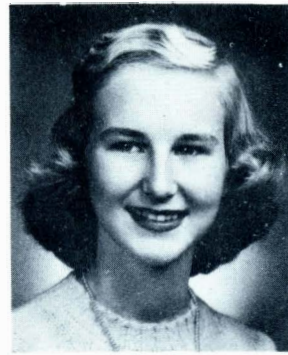
John Degroat
"Words are but fragments of the glass, but silence is the perfect whole."
 Entered 3; Chess 3.



Philip Fast
"A great lover of the ladies."
 Hi-Y 1; "S" Club 2,3,4; Class Treasurer 2; Monitors 2,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Golf 1,2,3,4.



Ben First
*"Though he was rough,
 he was kindly."*
 Chess 2,3.



Phyllis Heidanus
*"And heaven's soft azure
 in her eye was seen."*
 Bridge 1,2,3; Photography 3;
 Highlander 4; Modern Dance 4;
 G.A.A. 4; Monitors 2,3,4.



Lawrence Fowler
*"Two are better than
 one."*
 Entered 2; Student Council 2,3,4
 "S" Club 3,4; Class President 2
 Football 2,3,4; Basketball 2,3
 Baseball 2,3,4; Track 4.



Marilyn Henning
*"Calmness is a great
 advantage."*
 Entered 2; Bridge 3; Highlander
 4; Choir 2; Operetta 2; Monitors
 3,4.



Bette French
*"An angel in a frock;
 with a fascinating cock
 to her nose."*
 Entered 3; Bridge 3; G.A.A. 3,4;
 Masquers 4; Cheerleader 3.



Shirley Hill
*"I knew you by your
 eyes."*
 Bridge 1,2,3.



Duane Gilger
*"A man's mind is known
 by the company it
 keeps."*
 Entered 2; Chess 2,3,4.



Ann Hoebeke
*"Mind cannot follow it
 nor words express her
 infinite sweetness."*
 Bridge 1,2; Highlights Club 1,4;
 Photography 3; Highlander 4;
 Choir 1; Operetta 1; Highlights
 2,3,4.



Robert Gunnett
*"Flippant fluency of
 tongue."*
 Hunters 1,2; Dance 3; Nature 4
 Monitors 3,4; Football 1,4.



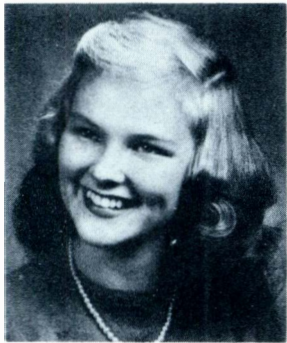
Barbara Hughes
*"You shall know by ex-
 perience."*
 Entered 3; Modern Dance 3,4;
 G.A.A. 4; Christmas Play 4;
 Choir 3,4; Operetta 3,4; Debate 4.



Jacqueline Kingscott
*"Let us swear to eternal
 friendship."*
 Entered 2; Bridge 2; Sub Deb
 3; Student Council 4; Student
 Council Vice-President 4.



Peggy Maandag
"Mighty like a rose."
 Bridge 1,2,3,4; Library 3; Moni-
 tors 3,4.



Barbara Klop
*"Robed in the deep dusk
 of her hair."*
 Bridge 2,3; Editor of Highlander
 4; Monitors 2,3,4; Student Coun-
 cil 1,2; G.A.A. 3; Dance 1.



Charles Maltby
*"A genial disposition
 brings its owner
 friends."*
 Hi-Y 1; Chess 2,3; Student
 Council 2,3,4; Class President 4;
 Monitors 2,4; Highlander 4;
 Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2,3,4;
 Football 4.



Luella Leroy
*"A good nature is one of
 the greatest gifts."*
 Bridge 1; Dance 1; Girls' Glee
 Club 2; Nature 4; Monitors 4.



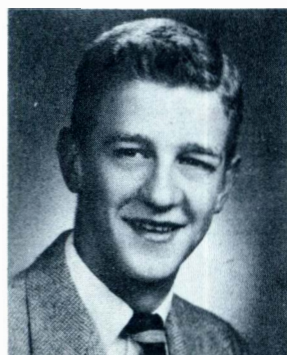
Phyllis Mannes
*"Her smiling eyes with
 simple truth are
 stored."*
 Bridge 1,2; G.A.A. 3; Masques
 4; Monitors 4; Student Council
 3,4.



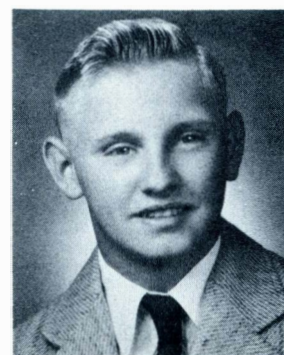
Jacqueline Leach
*"Hide not thy talents;
 they for use were
 made."*
 Dance 1; Girls' Glee Club 2,3;
 Swing Club 3,4; Class Treasurer
 4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Operetta 1,2,3,4;
 Monitors 2,3,4.



Nancy Mateer
"Kiss and be friends."
 Entered 2; Masques 2,3; Dance
 2.



Kenneth Louis
*"He has a reasonable
 good ear for music."*
 Hi-Y 1,2,3,4; Band 2,3; High-
 lights 2; Orchestra 3; Monitors
 3,4; Basketball 1,2; Football 2;
 Track 3,4.



Douglas McGinnis
"Where art thou?"



Carolyn McLaughlin
*"Oh, sweet is Tipperary
 in the spring time of
 the year."*

Bridge 1,2; Masquers 2,3; High-
 lights 2,3,4; Highlander 4.



Thomas Murray
*"A toiling man intent
 on worldly gains."*

Entered 2; Masquers 2,3; Debate
 2,3,4; Highlights Club 4; High-
 lights 3,4; Student Council 2,3;
 Spring Play 2,3; Basketball 2,3.



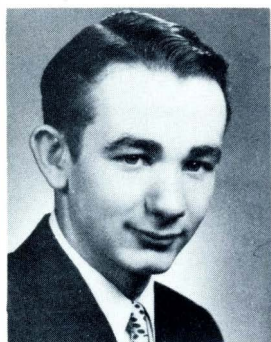
Patricia Mitchell
*"Nothing endures but
 personal qualities."*

Bridge 1,2; Girls' Glee Club 3;
 Student Council 1,2,4; Class Sec-
 retary 2; Student Council Sec-
 retary 4; Choir 3,4; Operetta 3,4;
 Highlights 3; Monitors 2.



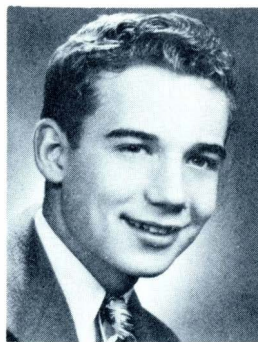
Marilyn Newton
*"Her talents are of the
 more silent class."*

Girl Reserves 1; Nature 4; Band
 1,2,3.



Larry Moran
*"He must be known to
 be appreciated."*

Entered 2; Hunters 2; "S" Club
 3,4; Football 2,3,4; Basketball
 2; Baseball 2,3,4; Track 4.



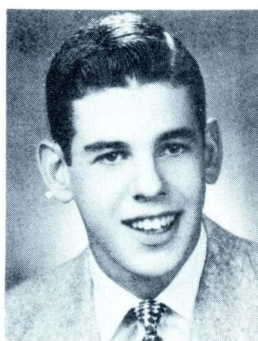
Lyall Nordahl
*"Never was the absence
 in the right."*

Hunters 1,2; Travelers 4.



Marilyn Morris
*"You shall never take
 her without her answer
 unless you take her
 without her tongue."*

Highlights Club 1,4; Bridge
 1,2,3; G.A.A. 3; Forum 2; De-
 bate 3,4; Band 1,2; Highlights
 2,3,4.



Jim Orwin
*"Genius is the capacity
 of avoiding hard work."*

Hi-Y 1; "S" Club 2,3,4; Student
 Council 2,3; Football 1; Basket-
 ball 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4.



Howard Morrison
*"Art is not a thing; it
 is a way."*

Hunters 1,2; Hi-Y 2; Photog-
 raphy 3; Spring Play 3; Student
 Council 4; Choir 2; Operetta 2;
 Band 2; Highlights 3,4; High-
 lander 4.



Suzanne Pullon
*"In quietness and confi-
 dence shall be your
 strength."*

Entered 2; Bridge 2,3; Student
 Council 4; Highlights 2,3,4;
 Highlander 4.



Robert Pyne

"I never dare to act as funny as I am."

Hunters 1; Dance 2; Hi-Y 3,4; Photography 3; Student Council 3; Choir 1; Operetta 1; Band 3; Football 2,3; Track 3,4; Tennis 3,4.



Emily Schrier

"She has a sweet look and a kind nature."

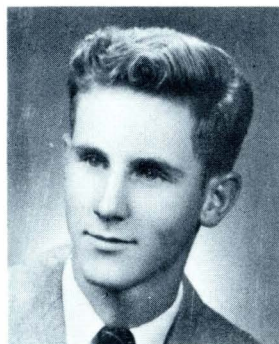
Bridge 1,2,3; G.A.A. 3; Class Secretary 1; Highlander 4; Monitors 2,3,4.



Sue Ralston

"Lightly come, lightly go."

Masquers 1,2,3; Bridge 1,2,3; Student Council 4; Class Vice-President 1; Class Secretary 4; Spring Play 3; Debate 3; Highlights 2,3,4; G.A.A. 3; Highlander 4.



Lynn Shoemaker

"Twas his thinking of others made you think of him."

Aviation 1; Choir 1; Operetta 1; Football 1; Basketball 1,3.



Jack Rowe

"He's a sure card."

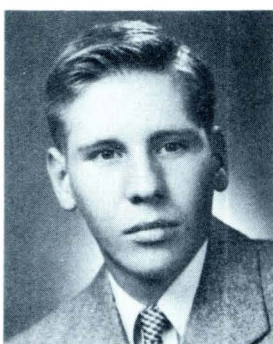
Hunters 1,2; Travel 4; Golf 2,3,4; Baseball 4.



John R. Smith

"What man can calculate on what a girl will say or do?"

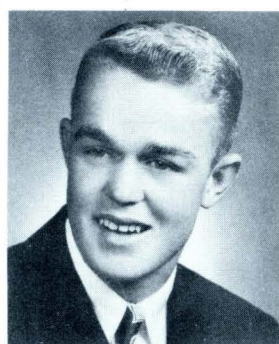
Hunters 1; Travel 1; Chess 2; Swing Club 3,4; Band 1,3,4; Orchestra 1,3,4; Track 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4.



Robert Russel

"Envied by some, admired by all."

Hi-Y 1,2; "S" Club 3,4; Highlights 4; Tennis 2,3,4; Football 2,3,4; Basketball 2,3,4.



Robert Smith

"A man's a man for a'that."

Chess 1,2,3; Highlander 4; Monitors 2,3,4; Class Vice-President 4; Baseball 1,2,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2,3; Track 3,4.



Jeanne Scamehorn

"Without laughter there is no joy."

Chess 1; Dance 2,3; Masquers 3,4; Monitors 3,4.



Stanley Strokis

"It would talk; Lord, how It talked."

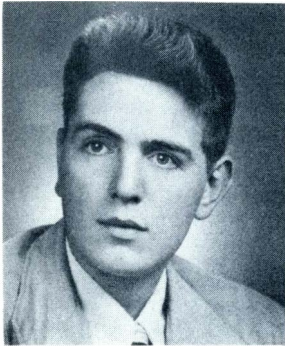
Chess 1,2; Bridge 3.



Julia Strome
*"The flash of her keen
 brown eyes."*
 Bridge 1,2; Choir 1; Operetta 1;
 Monitors 3,4; Student Council 4;
 G.A.A. 2,3,4.



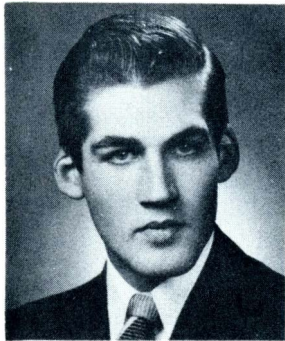
John Tuberty
*"Love is the soul of a
 true Irishman."*
 Hi-Y 1,2; Chess 1,2; "S" Club
 3,4; Tennis 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4;
 Basketball 2,4; Track 3,4.



Harry Strong
*"Laughter holding both
 his sides."*
 Entered 2; Hunters 2; Photog-
 raphy 3; Hi-Y 3; Travel 4.



Elizabeth Tyler
*"Life and good living—
 what do we want be-
 sides?"*
 Entered 2; Dance 2; Photog-
 raphy 3; Bridge 4; Chess 2;
 Creative Writing 4; G.A.A. 2,3.



Robert Struble
*"Fly and you will catch
 the swallow."*
 Entered 4; Student Council 4.



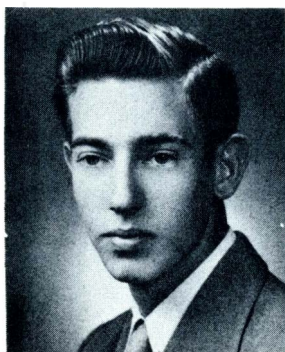
Robert VanBeck
*"A Dutchman never
 gives in."*
 Chess 1,2,3; "S" Club 4; Foot-
 ball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2,3; Ten-
 nis 2,3,4; Track 3,4.



Eugene Toornman
"Let us be merry."
 Hi-Y 1,2; Hunters 1,2; Chess 3;
 Football 1,4; Track 1,4; Basket-
 ball 2; Baseball Manager 2.



Len Vandenberg
*"And nature might
 stand up and say to all
 the world, 'This is a
 man'."*
 Entered 2; Student Council 2;
 Fishing 3; Hunters 3; "S" Club
 4; Class Vice-President 2; Foot-
 ball 2,4; Basketball 2; Track 4;
 Baseball 2,3,4.



Jack Tozer
"Quietness is best."
 Hunters 1; Fishing 2; Hi-Y 3;
 Travel 4.



Anne Mae Vanderhoff
*"A good laugh is sun-
 shine in a house."*
 Entered 2; Dance 2; Choir 3;
 Operetta 3.



Barbara Weiss

*"Flirtation, attention
without intention."*

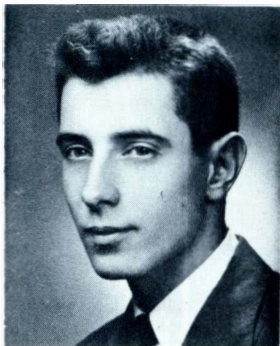
Dance 2; Student Council 3;
Choir 3,4; Operetta 4.



Arlen Winther

"Meekness is not weakness."

Bridge 1; Highlights Club 2,4;
Photography 3; Highlights 3,4;
Track 1.



Douglas Wendzell

*"Whatever is worth doing
is worth doing well."*

Entered 3; Dance 3; Monitors 3;
Basketball 3,4; Track 4; Highlander 4.



Robert Wood

*"The man that laughs
and loves must sure do well."*

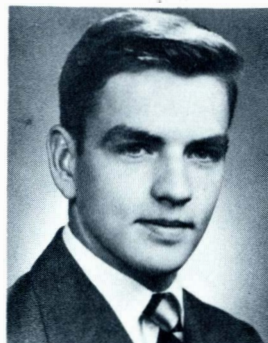
Chess 1; Hunters 1; Student Council 2,4; "S" Club 3,4; Highlights 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4.



Billie Jean West

*"The gift of gayety itself
may be greatest good fortune."*

Bridge 1,2,3; Student Council 3,4;
Red Cross 3,4.



Tom Woodworth

"The ideal man."

Hunters 1,2; "S" Club 2,3,4;
Monitors 3,4; Football 1,3,4;
Baseball 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4.



Janet Whaley

*"Let me have men about
me."*

Bridge 1,2,3,4; Monitors 3.



Sally Wyckel

*"Man's not worth a
moment's pain, base,
ungrateful, fickle,
vain."*

Bridge 1,2,3; G.A.A. 3; Student Council 4; Student Council Treasurer 4; Monitors 2,3,4.

Marlin Bradeen

*"Not much talk—a great
sweet silence."*

Entered 2; Hunters 2; Baseball 2,3,4.

Eugene Keck

"—And let me rest."

Hunters 1,2; Travel 3,4.

Years Ago



SALLY



JANET



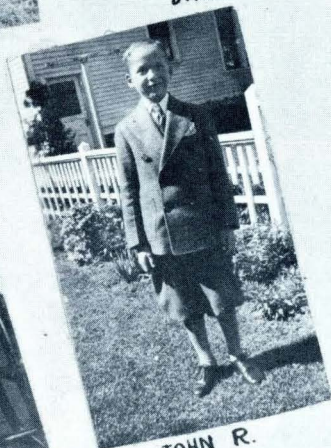
MARILYN



ANN



MOLLIE



JOHN R.



SHIRLEY H.



RUTH E.



EMILY



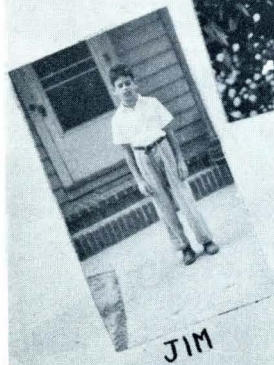
BOB R.



CHUCK JEAN



BETTE



JIM



PHIL ANN



SUSIE P.



1st. row: C. McLaughlin, S. Wykkel, P. Heidanus, B. Davis, S. Ralston,
A. Hoebeke.

2nd. row: T. Murray, P. Fast, E. Schrier, J. Cartland, C. Maltby, D. Wendzell.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

It was twenty-eight years ago that the "American Torch Society," later changed to the "National Honor Society," was founded for the purpose of placing more emphasis on scholastic achievement. As the years passed the requirements broadened to include not only scholarship but leadership and service as well.

This spring, as in the past, the faculty of State High has elected fifteen per cent of the senior class to membership in this society. These members rank in the upper third of their class and possess the qualities of leadership, scholarship, and character.



FEATURE

OUR POLL SHOWS
THAT 100% OF THE
STUDENTS WANT TO
STRIKE GOLD.



SENIOR CLASS POLL

BOYS

Skip Bills	Best Dancer
Stan Strokis	Most Talkative
Bob Pyne	Noisiest
Bob Dunbar	Wittiest
Bob Pyne	Silliest
Skip Bills	Most School Spirit
Tom Woodworth	Best Athlete
John R. Smith	Most Talented
Jim Orwin	Smoothest Line
Doug Wendzell	Best Scholar
Tom Murray	Most Dignified
Bob Wood	Friendliest
Bob Russel	Sweetest
Bob Smith	Cutest
John Tuberty	Best Dressed
Skip Bills	Most Popular
Marlin Bradeen	Most Bashful
	Prettiest Girl
Tom Woodworth	Handsomest Boy
	Man-Hater
Arlen Winther	Woman-Hater
Skip Bills	Done Most For Class
Tom Murray	Most Likely To Succeed
Skip Bills	Best All Around

GIRLS

Janet Whaley
Mary Helen Dorgan
Bette French
Nancy Mateer
Mollie Boylan
Julia Strome
Sue Ralston
Dawn Birch
Barbara Klop
Ann Hoebeke
Marilyn Henning
Bette French
Peggy Cooley
Carolyn McLaughlin
Mollie Boylan
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Emily Schrier
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Sally Wykkel
Julie Cartland
Betsy Davis
Sue Ralston

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Brent Tarleton Bob Lewis
Stuart Tarleton Ken Louis
Mammy Mollie Boylan
Gerald O'Hara Tom Woodworth
Pork Bob Dunbar
Ellen O'Hara Emily Schrier
Suellen O'Hara Barbara Klop
Carreen O'Hara Virginia Crain
Prissy Mary Helen Dorgan

At Twelve Oaks, the nearby Wilkes Plantation

John Wilkes Lynn Shoemaker
India Wilkes Joan Bixby
Ashley Wilkes Phil Fast
Melanie Hamilton Pat Mitchell
Charles Hamilton Bob Van Beck
Frank Kennedy John DeGroat
Cathleen Calvert Marilyn Morris

At the Bazaar in Atlanta

Aunt Pittypat Hamilton Sally Wyckel
Doctor Meade Jack Gibbs
Mrs. Meade Ann Hoebeke
Renè Picardo Skip Bills
Maybelle Merriweather Nancy Connable

In Aunt "Pitypat's" Home

Uncle Peter Duane Gilger

At the Hospital

Belle Watling Bob Wood
(the only redhead)

During the Siege

The bartender Boyd Dewey

Georgia, after Sherman

The Yankee deserter Eugene Keck

A hungry soldier Eugene Toornman

During Reconstruction

The Yankee Major Jim Orwin

His poker-playing Captains John Tuberty
and Bob Pyne

The Corporal Marlin Bradeen

A Carpetbag orator Arlen Winther

Bonnie Blue Butler Janet Whaley

THE STAFF

Production Designed by Jackie Kingscott

Art Direction by Larry Moran

Photographed by Dick McCallum

Technicolor Associates. Jean Scamehorn
and Ruth Ann Emerson

Scenic Department Superintendent Nancy
Mateer
Electrical Superintendent Tom Murray

Chief Electrician Betsy Davis

Properties:

Manager Sue Ralston

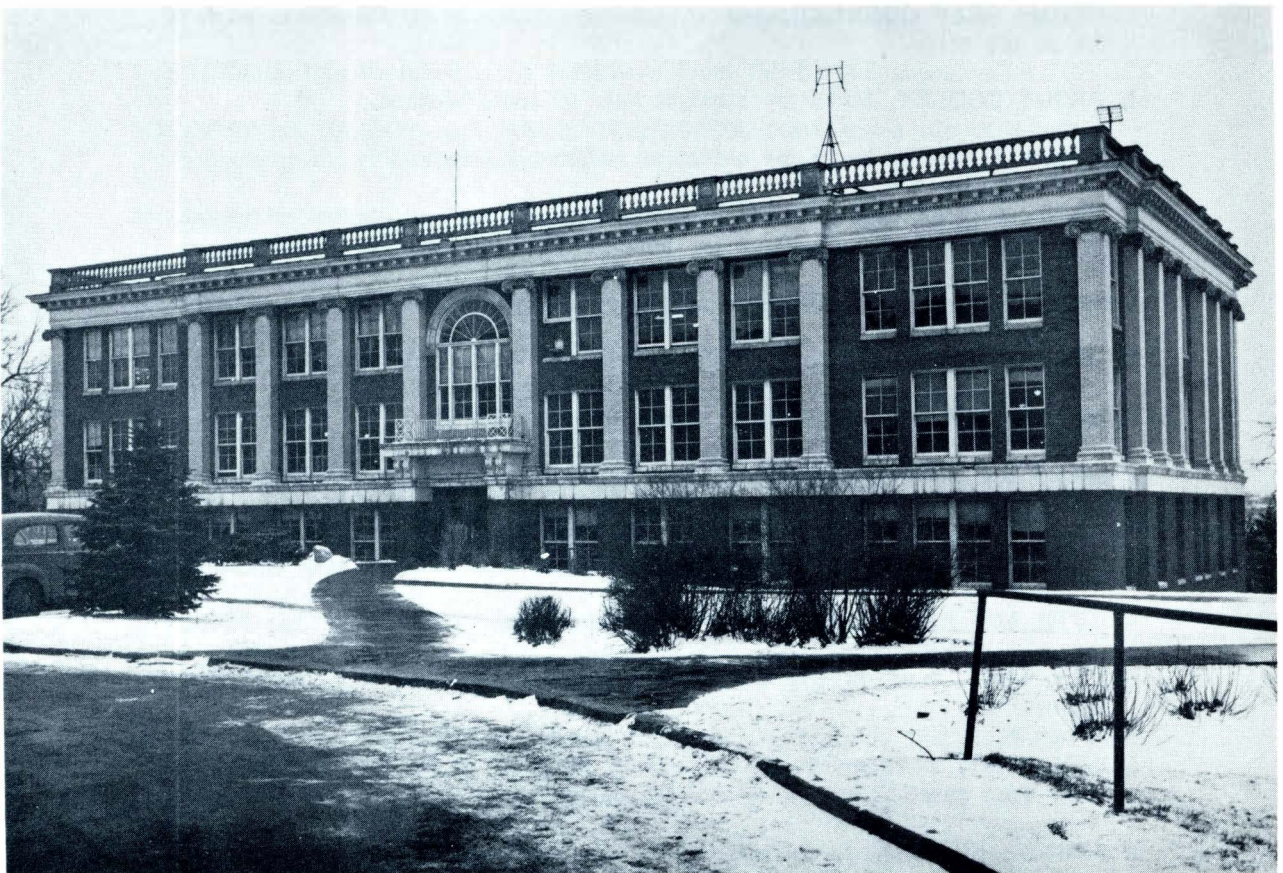
On the Set. Bob Russell

Special Properties by Ben First

Tara Landscaped by Jack Rowe

Camera Operators Barbara Weiss
Eddie Lou Bennett

Assistant Film Editor Jackie Leach



LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

- I, EDDIE LOU BENNETT, leave to join Louie at last.
- I, HAROLD BILLS, the first Skip, leave my nick-name to a certain skirted Skip to keep alive in these halls.
- I, DAWN BIRCH, leave- by the front door.
- I, GLEN BISHOP, leave my ability to be good to Ronnie Chipps.
- I, JOAN BIXBY, leave my height to the freshmen boys.
- I, MOLLIE BOYLAN, leave in a gale of laughter.
- I, MARLIN BRADEEN, leave my wavey hair to Conrad Fischer.
- I, DORIS BURNETT, leave just as quietly as I came.
- I, ROGER BURNS, leave my build to Gene Logan.
- I, JULIE CARTLAND, leave the headaches of being Highlights Editor to next year's lucky victim.
- I, NANCY CONNABLE, leave for a life of dancing.
- I, NELMA JEAN CONNER, leave my dancing ability to all those who wish to be on the stage.
- I, PEGGY COOLEY, leave my straight hair to Junie Worden.
- I, VIRGINIA CRAIN, leave my quietness to Jane Williams.
- I, BETSY DAVIS, leave my debate cards to any Home Ec. student who cares to turn them over and use them for receipt cards.
- I, STEPHEN DAVIS, leave my vocal cords to Joe Spiketts.
- I, JOHN DE GROAT, leave the Little Michigan's cream pie to Bob Lorentz.
- I, BOYD DEWEY, am graduating! Isn't that enough?
- I, MARY HELEN DORGAN, leave my shovel to anyone who can sling it as fast as I can.
- I, BOB DUNBAR, leave my popularity in Big Seven towns to Jerry Knowlton.
- I, RUTH ANN EMERSON, leave with my flute.
- I, PHIL FAST, leave my legs to the women when short skirts come back in style.
- I, BEN FIRST, leave my hate and distaste for girls to Dick Ayres, for I have been cured.
- I, BARNEY FOWLER, leave, with hopes of a Big Seven Conference title next year.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

- I, BETTE FRENCH, leave. Too bad, boys!
- I, DUANE GILGER, leave my car (?) to the junk yard.
- I, BOB GUNNETT, leave my persuasive manner to anyone who can use it.
- I, PHYLLIS HEIDANUS, leave a lock of my blond hair to Sandy Hackman, in case she tries to be a blond again.
- I, DON HENDRICKS, leave my baseball mit and willing spirit to my successor.
- I, MARILYN HENNING, leave the picture on my locker door to Mary Kiuzenga.
- I, SHIRLEY HILL, leave the school without the familiar sight of my saddles and bandana.
- I, ANN HOEBEKE, leave pauvre Monsieur Fleiss to next year's "bunch of dead chickens".
- I, BARBARA HUGHES, leave my slide rule to Hadley Osborne.
- I, EUGENE KECK, leave, somewhat educated and thoroughly confused.
- I, JACKIE KINGSCOTT, leave my habit of wandering through the halls to Mary Lou Woodworth.
- I, BARBARA KLOP, leave, still a fugitive from the barber shop.
- WE, LUELLA LA ROY, and MARILYN NEWTON, leave for a life of nursing, with gushy blood and mangled bones.
- I, JACKIE LEACH, leave my musical ability to some future choir member who may need it.
- WE, KEN LEWIS and BOB LOUIS, leave with our pianos to join Phil Spitalny's orchestra.
- I, PEGGY MAANDAG, leave to get some switch controls for my off-and-on romances.
- I, CHARLES MALTBY, leave State High all to my sister.
- I, PHYLLIS MANNES, leave my worn out saddles to the next water-happy individual who falls in Gull Lake.
- I, NANCY MATEER, leave, wishing I'd done so four years ago.
- I, DICK MC CALLUM, left long ago for the life of a sailor.
- I, DOUG MC GINNIS, leave my ability for bumming butts to Bud Newbury.
- I, CAROLYN MC LAUGHLIN, leave my art ability to Pat Maybee.
- I, PAT MITCHELL, leave a tired arm to next year's Student Council secretary.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

- I, LARRY MORAN, leave my ping pong ability to Frank Spitters.
- I, MARILYN MORRIS, leave an empty locker where next year's posture class can check their modesty.
- I, HOWARD MORRISON, leave Pete Longjohn as Art Editor, to the tender mercies of the Highlights staff.
- I, TOM MURRAY, leave my gift for gab to Hadley Osborne. When he refuses to accept it, send it to some undeserving charity.
- I, LYALL NORDAHL, being of sound mind and body, leave.
- I, JIM ORWIN, leave my number "14" jersey to Jack Mindeman.
- I, SUE PULLON, leave my sporting talent to Andy Eldridge (in other words my blue glasses).
- I, BOB PYNE, leave my quiet and shy ways to some noisy freshman.
- I, SUE RALSTON, leave, having leaned on a straw and a tennis racket for four years.
- I, KEN REEVES, leave to face the world.
- I, JACK ROWE, leave my books and knowledge to any prospective senior.
- I, BOB RUSSEL, leave the Halemobile to mechanically minded Jill Gannaway.
- I, EMILY SCHRIER, leave, satisfied that all Hilander money was finally collected.
- I, JEANNE SCAMEHORN, leave my seniority in the cafeteria to next year's chief cook and bottle washers.
- I, JULIA STROME, leave my dirty gym locker to my sister.
- I, LYNN SHOEMAKER, leave for better things.
- I, JOHN SMITH, leave my locker without Bette stuffed in it.
- I, STANLEY STROKIS, leave Mr. Sebal's love for me to some other fortunate person.
- I, BOB SMITH, leave to change my initials.
- I, SKIP STRONG, leave my ways with women to some less fortunate Cassanova.
- I, BOB STRUBLE, leave my shoes to anyone who needs a good understanding.
- I, ELMER TOORNMAN, leave my name, Elmer Blurke, Esq., to my brother.
- I, JACK TOZER, leave..... I hope.
- I, JOHN TUBERTY, leave my devotion and admiration of Notre Dame to Al Ryan.
- I, ELIZABETH TYLER, leave the G. A. A. without its charter member.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

- I, BOB VAN BECK, leave with "a bunch of the boys".
- I, LEN VANDEN BERG, leave my place on the mound to next year's pitcher.
- I, ANNA MAE VANDER HOFF, leave to Pat Bloom all the waste paper that has piled up in the bottom of our locker.
- I, BARBARA WEISS, leave school!
- I, DOUG WENDZELL, leave anything I can do without to Mr. Sebaly, in hopes that he can use it.
- I, BILLIE JEAN WEST, leave Jack Mindeman to carry on the family tradition.
- I, JANET WHALEY, leave my track shoes to any deserving underclassman wishing to chase a wheel.
- I, ARLIN WINTHER, leave my quiet nature to Jim Hoekje.
- I, BOB WOOD, leave my golfing ability to Jack Hill, who probably doesn't need it.
- I, TOM WOODWORTH, leave for the life of a college man.
- I, SALLY WYKKEL, leave the office and Mrs. Jarman in peaces.

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



S. Ralston, Secretary; J. Leach, Treasurer; C. Maltby, President; B. Smith, Vice-President

"A Message from the 49'ers"

It seems that Shakespeare was the man
Who said the world's a stage,
And all the people actors-
Even in this day and age.

If you will spend one day
Observing senior gals and guys,
You'll see a large-scale comedy
Take place before your eyes.

Bob Pyne makes his appearance
At eight o' five each day,
And past hall monitor Julia Strome
He slowly makes his way.

He saunters into English IV,
And as he enters late,
He hears John Smith and Bette French
Engrossed in a debate.

Poor Mrs. Osborne rambles on
Through poetry and prose,
While trying to be heard
Above the noisy two back rows.

Then in comes Peggy Cooley,
Office monitor at eight;
She passes out good-cheer notes
From advisors here at State.

Peg's next stop is Bartoo House
Where she'll pick up absence slips,
Then stop at Fleiss' French 11 class
To hear his famous quips.

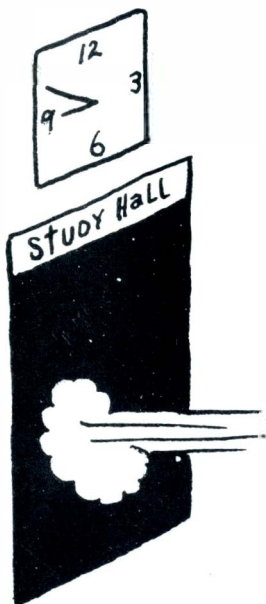
Translating from Arsene Lupin
Barb Klop we next may hear,
Assisted by M. Morris
Who is coaching from the rear.

Returning to the building,
Suzie Pullon comes in view;
We wonder why she's in the hall;
"Highlights business," remarks Sue.

Now Suzie makes some sign to show
She's finally cleared the coast;
Then Arlin Winther stealthily
Creeps forth from 'round a post.

Someday we'll ask George Cooper
Or perhaps good friends of his,
To tell us all specifically
What "Highlights business" is.

While pondering on this subject
The ten-of bell rings out,
And streaking out of study hall
Comes Jack Rowe with a shout.





Along his course to gosh-knows-where
He trips up Eddie Lou,
Who retires to the sidelines
To stay out of range and view.

In a corner of the crowded hall
We find Miss Shirley Hill,
Conversing with her buddies,
Johnny Tuberty and Phil.

It's back to class and soon we see
How fast the hour goes,
For here's Bob Wood, who's back from art
All paint from head to toes.

Bob stops to talk with Orwin
About the game last night,
And Dunbar adds his comment
And each one's sure he's right.

Then Maltby aids the argument
With comments from the side,
And after Woodworth gives his bit,
They all admit they tried.

So back to class the fellows go
Not knowing whom to blame,
But sure that in the next game
They will try hard just the same.

Now let's go into study hall
Where Peg Maandag is in charge,
And spend the hour observing,
For the senior group is large.

We see Joan Bixby knitting,
Mary Helen-filing nails,
Bob Redmond's reading comic books-
(Peg writes down these details).

And as she writes reports on them,
Harry Strong comes to her desk;
He says he must go get his book
Or else he'll flunk a test.

Departing, Harry laughs out loud
And sports a sneering look;
We never saw that boy again-
What happened to that book!!

Doug Wendzel, on the other hand,
Works hard and gets all A's,
And also cute Ann Hoebeke,
Who shows study really pays.

The back row is the meeting place
For Toornman and his boys,
And Peggy, aided by Bob Smith,
Tries hard to stop the noise.



Glen Bishop sharpens pencils
To bide his time away,
And Roger Burns sleeps peacefully-
He's had a busy day (?)

Next Lynn and Kenny Reeves
Play tic-tac-toe 'til time to go;
And Nelma Jean stares idly
At the newly fallen snow.

Deliverance comes when finally
It's time for the next class,
And the study hall is emptied
Of each senior lad and lass.

We make our way through crowded halls
Along with Bob Gunnett,
Who stops to talk with John DeGroat
And others that he's met.

Just coming back from shorthand
Are M. Henning and Phyl Mannes,
Followed up by Doug and Doris,
And last is Phyl Heidanus.

Marilyn Newton is now seated
On a bench with Barbara Hughes,
While Ginny Grain is telling them
The latest State High news.

Next Mollie Boylan comes in sight-
Her trade-mark, smart attire;
But now the bell is ringing,
So let's go visit choir.

Seated at the 88's
Jackie Leach is practicing
To play for Dawn and Steven,
Who have started in to sing.

We listen for a while
And though the rest we'd like to hear,
Our watches tell us plainly
That lunch time's drawing near.

Before the morning's over
Let's stop in to say hello
To all the council officers,
And watch them come and go.

First Skip Bills bustles by us
With J. Kingscott close behind;
Then Sally Wykkel hurries in
With money on her mind.

Lyall Nordahl, summons in his hand,
Comes in with Eugene Keck,
While Barbara Weiss waits patiently
To have a talk with "Stek".

SEBASTIAN



STECK



It's lunch-time though so let's disband
To get a bite to eat;
And then at ten-past-twelve
Come to the hall where we will meet.

In the basement of the Training School
Liz Tyler heads the line;
She's telling Dick McCallum
That she thinks the food's just fine.

But back behind the counter
Jeanne scans today's dessert,
And figures, with a gleeful sneer,
"What they don't know won't hurt."

We leave the cafeteria
And go out into the hall
Where Marlin, Gibbs, and Gilger
Are engrossed in basketball.

Enthralled with debate theory
Are debaters Bets and Tom;
While Barney and his girl
Are making plans for the May prom.

The music room is crowded;
For the Lewises, Bob and Ken,
Are playing their rendition of
"Sonata" once again.

Pat Mitchell's called a meeting
Of the Social Comm. this noon,
To discuss the final plans
For the big dance that's coming soon.

H. Morrison, sketch pad in hand,
Is drawing State's quaint scenes;
Some say he'll be a Rembrandt
Before he's past his teens (?)

And speaking of our talent,
We boast of Ruth Ann Emerson,
Who with her flute and cello,
Many prizes she has won.

Julie Cartland, of the Highlights,
With Carolyn and Sue,
Is making surveys in the hall
And finding out what's new.

Don Hendricks and Len Vanden Berg
Our senior baseball stars,
Are playing catch to keep in shape-
The Conference will be ours!

Next we see Boyd Dewey,
Who is roaring up the drive,
Then rushes in the building with-
"From Richland here in five."



As we chalk up this record
For Boyd Dewey and his jet,
We realize it's time for class-
We've two to visit yet.

In government we see Ben First
Has fallen fast asleep;
Must be he's found affairs of state
Have grown much, much too deep.

But Billie West and Anna Mae
Are listening as they should,
While Janet points out issues
In our city- bad and good.

When finally the eternity
Slips 'round to ten-of-two,
Jack Tozer bounds from class
With Stanley Strokis in pursuit.

Bob Struble comes from chemistry,
Van Beck from English IV,
And everyone's relieved
That there is only one class more.

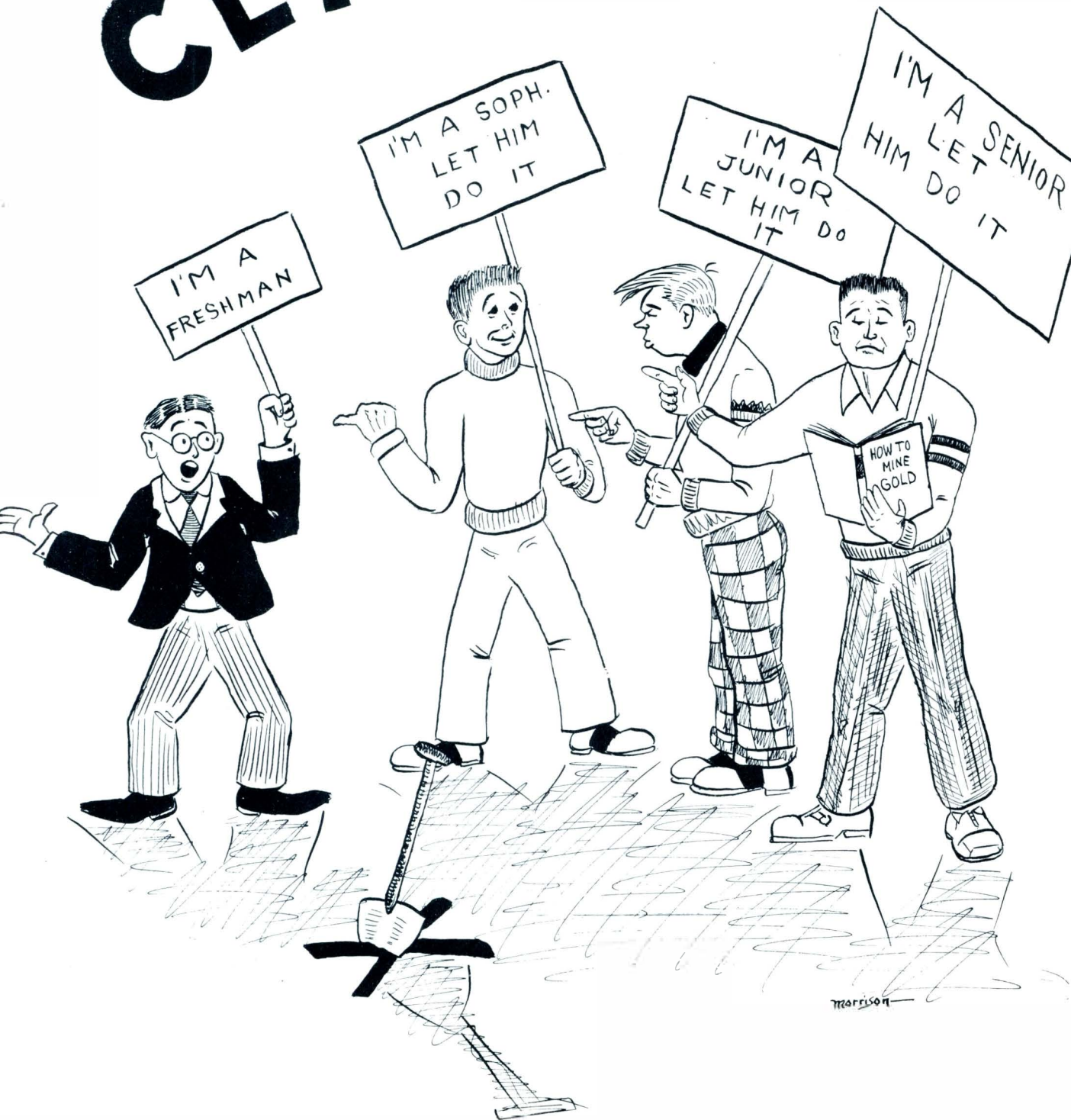
Em Schrier, the able monitor,
Clears all the halls at last,
Then stops to tell us that this day
Has really gone quite fast.

But for some certain students
Just the thought of school's a bore,
For Luella, Nan, and Larry
Are wriggling out the door.

Now we're sorry we can't tell you
What went on when school was through,
For we left with the other three-
A little after two!!

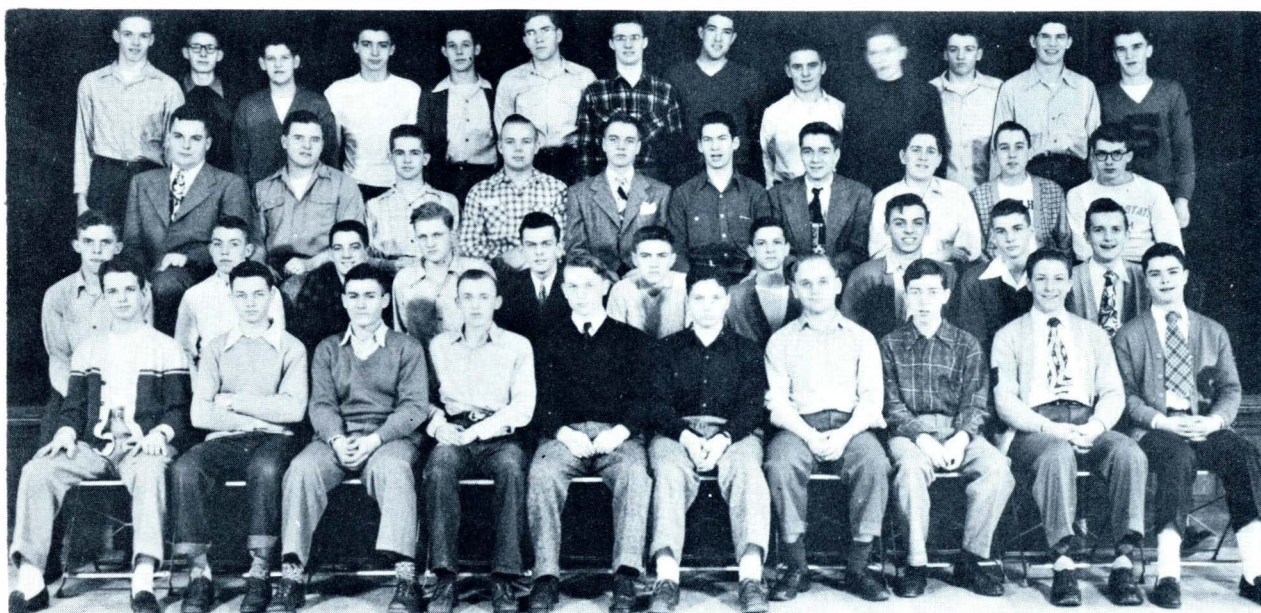
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CLASSES

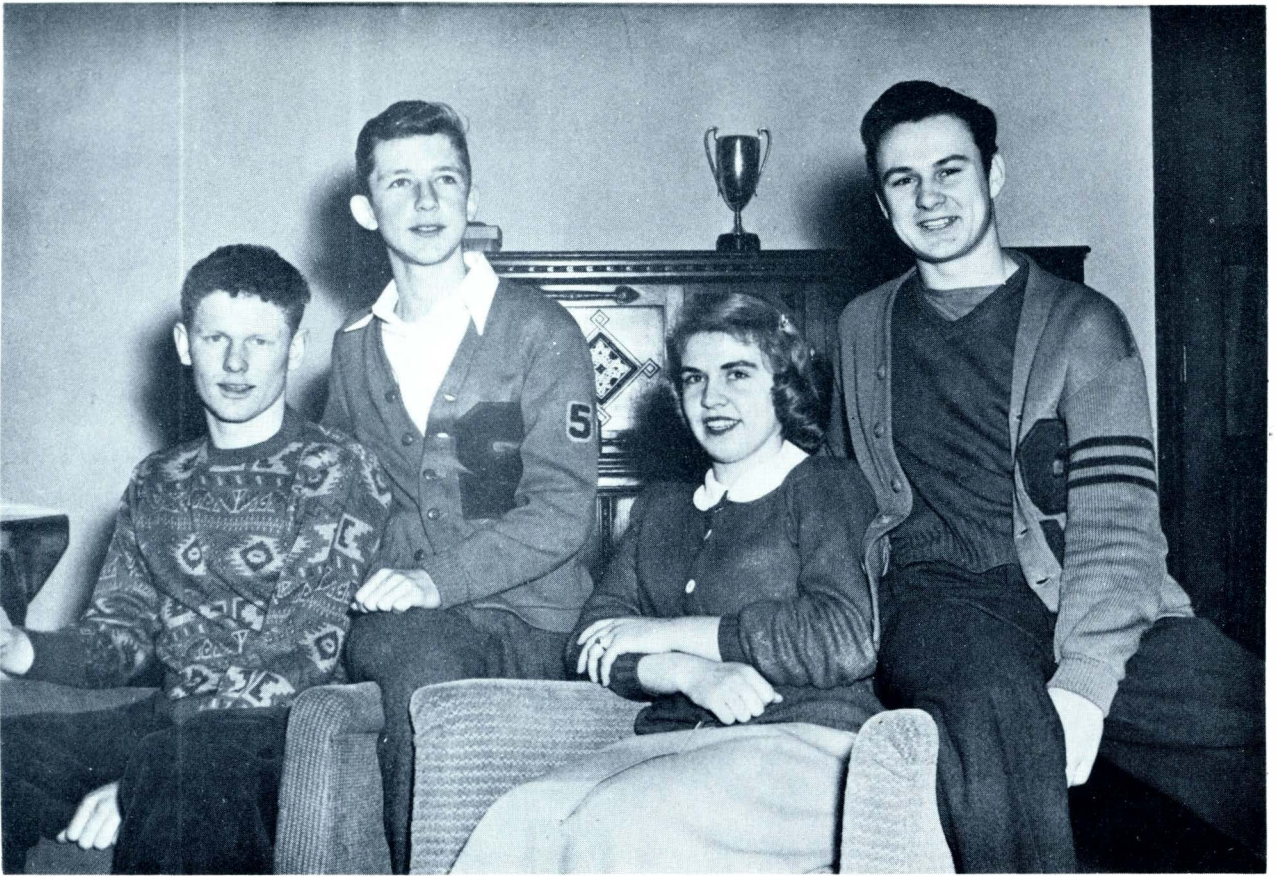




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 3rd. row: C. Miche, L. Hope, P. Maybee, W. Craig, H. Payson, C. Fletcher, J. Worden, A. Teugh M. Carlson, D. Tucker.
 4th. row: C. Lage, L. Beach, J. Bauriela, J. Slaughter, J. Williams, M. Tinkham, A. Soloman, G. Redmond



1st. row: G. Kitchen, J. Spitters, J. Hinderleider, M. Copeland, T. Clinger, D. Neal, C. Drummond, J. Spicketts, J. Zitney, A. Ryan.
 2nd. row: L. Smith, J. Hill, M. Moody, J. DeHaan, S. Barnum, J. Robine, D. Ayres, T. Jones, R. Smith, P. Deal.
 3rd. row: J. Hoekje, B. Rhodes, F. Hoyt, A. West, D. Curry, B. Smith, W. Persons, P. Strong, D. Owen, D. Dooly.
 4th. row: H. Osborn, B. Lorentz, B. Newberry, T. Holdship, P. Dwight, W. Wessels, J. McCrum, D. Crawford, R. Sealy, S. Strong, J. Smith, R. Mills, W. Page.



J. Knowlton, S. Fast, M. Woodworth, F. Meek.

JUNIOR CLASS

This year the junior class is the largest in State High. It consists of forty-seven boys and forty-five girls.

Five members of our class starred in "The Pirates of Penzance." They are Roger Mills, Fred Hoyt, Alene Watterworth, Bradley Smith, and Herta Paysan.

The varsity football team included six juniors: Dale Crawford, Jack Hill, Jerry Knowlton, Frank Spitters, Fred Meek, and Jim McCrumb. The varsity basketball team also was improved by members of our class. They are Joe Zitney, Jerry Knowlton, Frank Spitters, and Steve Fast. Outstanding on the track team were Al Ryan and Bill Page. Lawrence Smith, Dale Crawford, Fred Hoyt, and Paul DeRyke did a fine job on the baseball team.

Shirley Loughhead, Lois Green, and Mary Lou Woodworth were cheerleaders.

In order to sponsor the junior-senior prom in May, we planted trees on Mr. Deur's farm, sold magazines, and sponsored a dance.

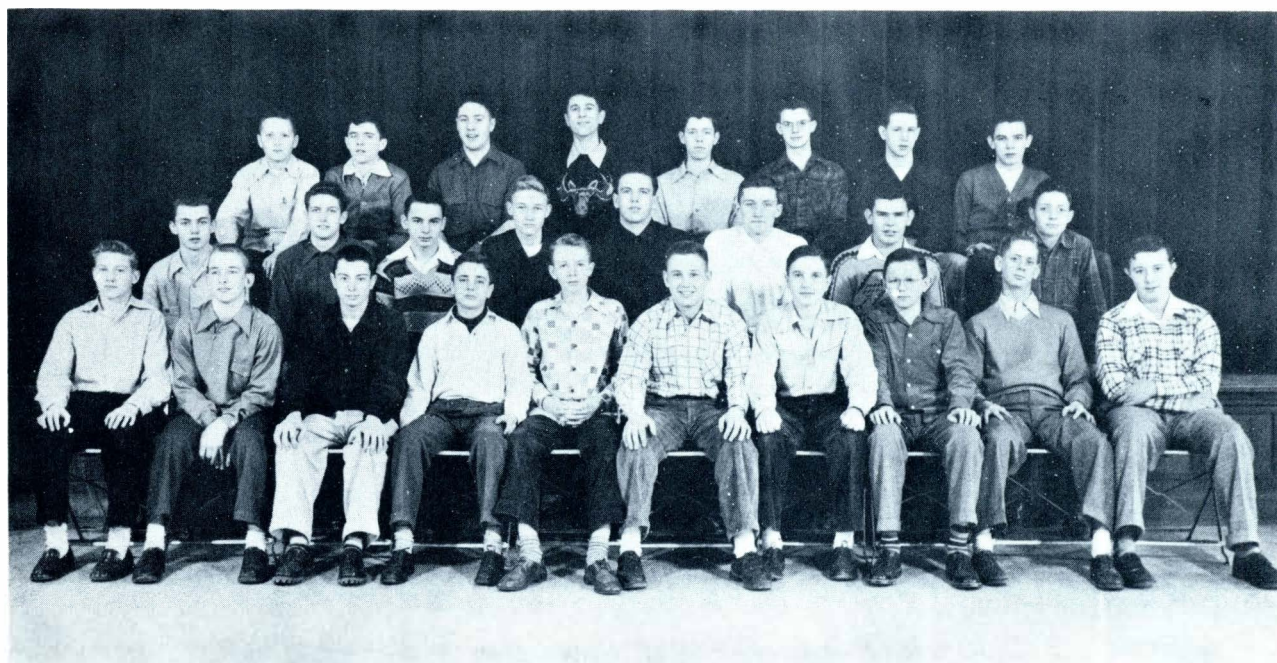
This progressive class was lead by Jerry Knowlton, President; Fred Meek, Vice-President; Mary Lou Woodworth, Secretary; and Steve Fast, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY LOU WOODWORTH
Secretary



1st. row: B. Howard, K. Malotte, D. Jabcon, D. Kurtz, P. Rood, F. Cooley, J. Perry, J. Copp, M. Williams, D. Hayward.
 2nd. row: S. Hackman, L. Tuberty, M. Maltby, M. Bondhouse, I. Weisman, S. Gary, L. Bennett, P. Pahalak, B. Harlan, M. Smith, J. Davies.
 3rd. row: E. Scamehorn, D. Tucker, L. Scharer, P. Bloom, J. Taylor, K. Brower, C. Jubb, S. Kindleberger, H. Miles, M. Teugh, B. Forbes, C. McGinnis, F. Emerson.



1st. row: B. Dalm, J. Dollihan, J. Nichols, J. Toornman, P. Lindquist, B. Horstman, P. Steen, R. Chips, M. Brenner, D. Vroble.
 2nd. row: K. Sherman, J. Hawkins, C. Moran, F. Hubbell, P. Coffield, J. Gelder, D. Wank, C. Marble.
 3rd. row: K. Price, D. Roth, D. Stockwell, J. Mindeman, R. Liniger, J. Wells, D. Carter, C. Kirkpatrick.



D. Cain, Vice-President; J. Russell, President; G. Meints, Secretary.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Under the skillful guidance of Mr. Hackney, the class of '51 went about its business of raising money for the Junior-Senior Prom, which we are to sponsor next year. Sales and a booth at the Hi-Y carnival were our means of raising money this year.

At our first class meeting, we elected Jim Russell to the office of president, Don Cain as vice-president, and Graydon Meints as secretary-treasurer.

The sophs have made a good showing in almost every sport. At least five of us were on the football team, five on the reserve basketball team, and some were out for baseball.

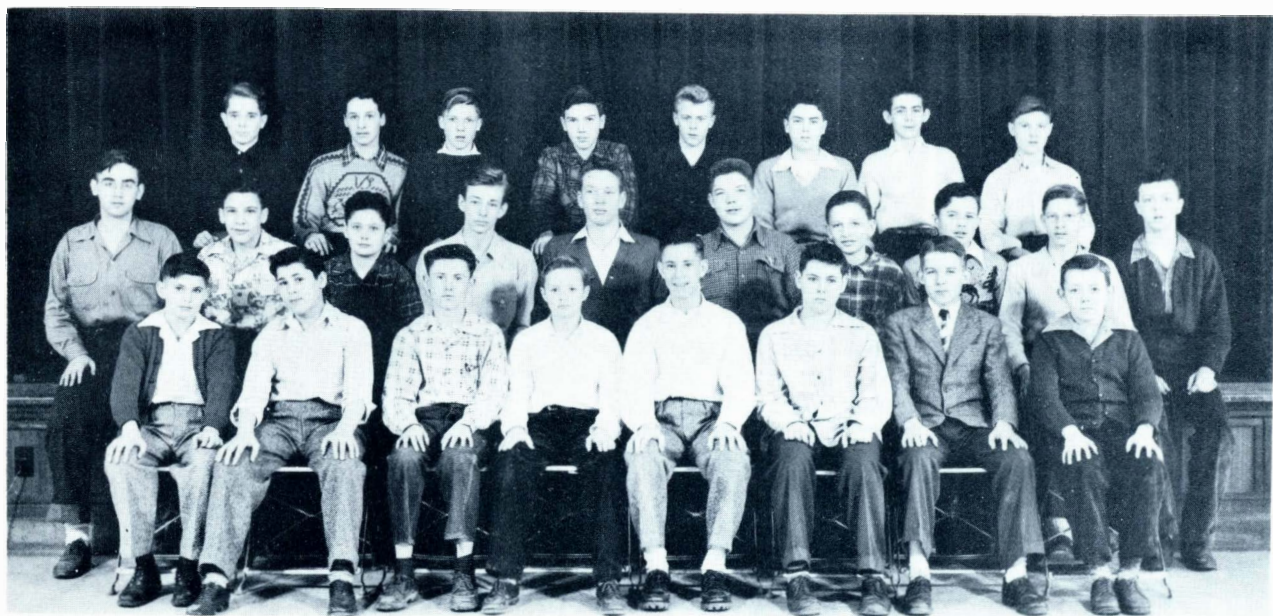
We hope to continue in such a progressive way, and we wish the next year sophomores the best of luck.

Respectfully submitted,

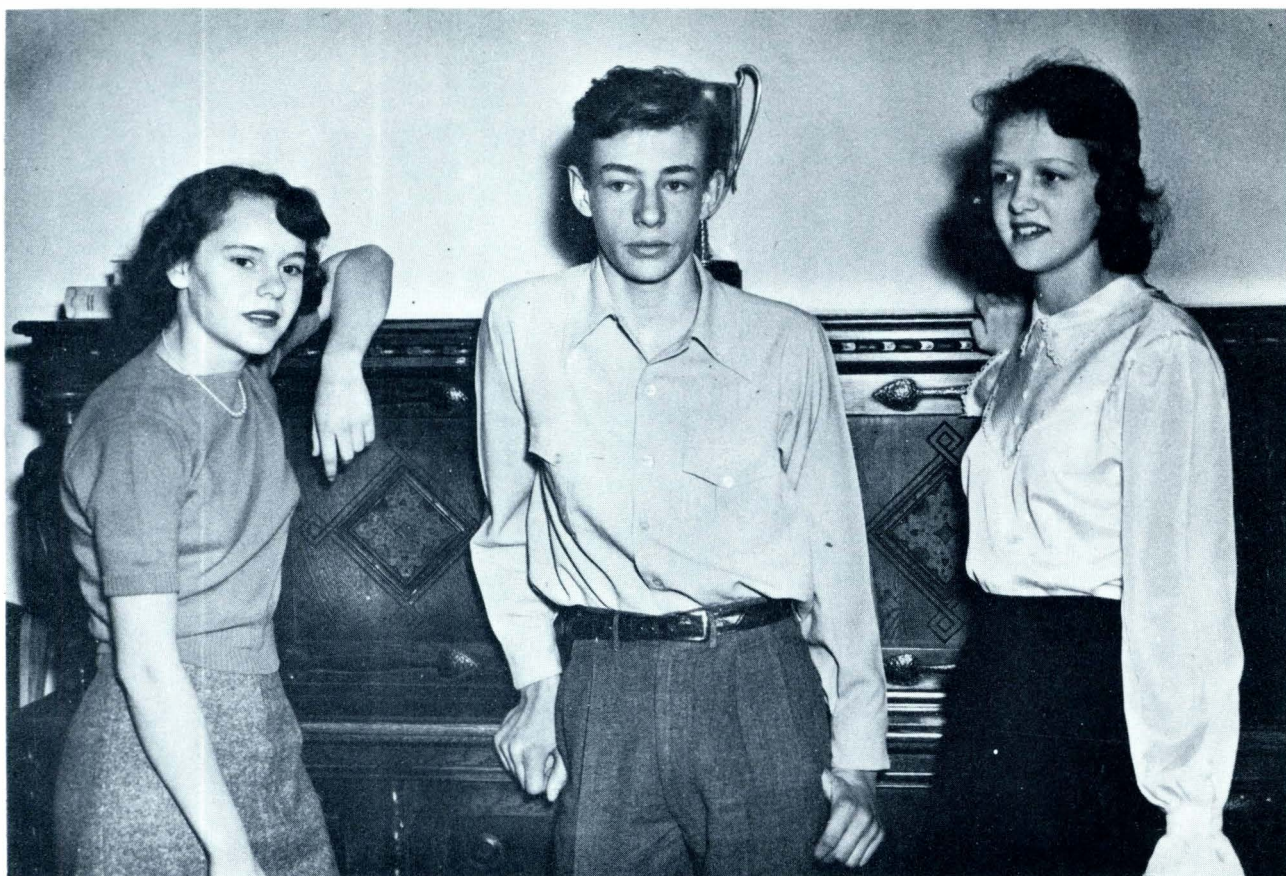
GRAYDON MEINTS
Secretary



1st. row: B. Johnson, E. Aube, M. Kuiper, G. Wilson, G. McCrumb, E. Rush, N. Strome, A. Tolhurst, S. Gilbert, C. Gemrich.
 2nd. row: A. Wise, B. Burdick, C. Fox, L. Spaulding, V. Smith, E. Alman, M. Kuizenga, S. Snyder, R. DeHaan, C. Cessna, R. Persons.
 3rd. row: B. Swoop, S. Smith, K. Randall, C. Smith, K. Loughead, M. Thomson, D. Cartland, L. Eliet, R. Randall, S. Woodworth.
 4th. row: S. Schrier, J. Bills, B. Griggs, M. Boven, D. Dalton, J. Shiley, S. Hayward, J. Dougherty.



1st. row: B. Miller, D. Wilson, D. Forward, G. Logan, N. Harvey, G. Post, J. Bowen, D. Smith.
 2nd. row: R. Whisler, R. Hoare, B. Vanlaar, C. Fischer, G. Hager, B. Brown, K. Gibson, B. Vann, W. Burgwald, P. Longjohn.
 3rd. row: B. Hoyt, D. Allen, B. DeHaan, D. Gleason, T. Emerson, J. McCarthy, F. Dilno, L. Bush.



E. Alman, Secretary; C. Fischer, Vice-President; V. Smith, President.

FRESHMAN CLASS

On September 20, 1948, a frightened group of freshmen made their debut at State Hi. Sixty-seven of us in all, we cluttered up the campus for several days, trying to find our way around.

About the time we were getting used to the activities of State Hi, our first class meeting was held. Our class officers were elected as follows: President, Vivian Smith; Vice-President, Conrad Fischer; and Secretary-Treasurer, Eleanor Alman.

As usual, the upperclassmen had much fun razzing the freshmen. One day in October, the campus of Western Michigan College was a peculiar sight; it was freshmen dress-up day. We were required to wear one long and one short stocking, one being gold, the other blue. The girls were also required to wear their hair in six braids and tied with blue and gold ribbons. The boys had to wear their pants rolled up above their knees. The "freshies" had more fun than anyone else.

We had a roller skating party late in the fall. From all reports, a good time was had by all. We also sponsored a baked goods sale in February.

Our class had quite a few fellows out for basketball and a few went out for football. All of State's games and parties are attended regularly and enthusiastically by most of the freshmen.

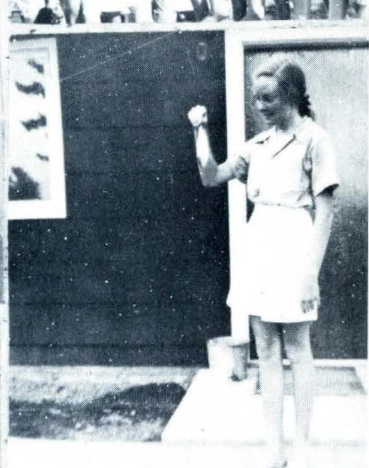
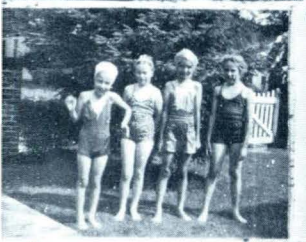
It is the hope of every one of us to do as much as possible to better State High School for the classes that follow.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR ALMAN
Secretary-Treasurer

ACTIVITIES







4th. row: A. Wise, L. Spaulding, J. Smith, C. Fletcher, L. Elliot, D. Cartland, M. Kuizenga, M. Teugh, M. Smith, I. VanStratton.
 3rd row: L. Bennett, D. Cain, F. Hoyt, A. West, B. Smith, D. Roth, S. Davis, J. Spicketts, C. Drummond, S. Gary.
 2nd row: R. Pionke, P. Pahalak, C. Jubb, E. Brown, Z. Albert, J. Bauierla, A. Tolhurst, N. Strome, C. Smith, B. Swoap.
 1st row: H. Payson, J. Scamehorn, K. Loughead, D. Birch, B. French, I. Weisman, L. Tuberty, F. Cooley, L. Hope, P. Bloom.

MASQUERS

Masquers is the dramatics club organized in State High. Under the direction of Mr. William Sack, the club had the priviledge of hearing many speakers. Through these speakers they learned a great deal about acting, make-up, and back stage producing.

The members of the club helped in staging and make-up of the Blue and Gold Revue, "Life With Father", and also in the operettas, "Chonita" and "The Pirates of Penzance."

OFFICERS

First Semester

President Lola Bennet
 Vice-President Shirley Gary
 Secretary Marlene Smith
 Treasurer..... Joan Bauierla

Second Semester

President Dawn Birch
 Vice-President Brad Smith
 Secretary Linda Spaulding



- 1st. row: S. Sawyer, J. Dean, C. Gemrich, S. Woodworth, M. Dorgan, C. Hall, C. McGinnis, S. Schrier, K. Randall, B. Forbes.
- 2nd. row: P. Palahak, I. Weisman, M. Maltby, M. Bondhouse, B. French, P. Maandag, J. Whaley, N. Mateer, B. Burdick, M. Thomson, F. Cooley, C. Miche.
- 3rd. row: K. Brower, L. Tuberty, L. Scharer, N. Doubleday, S. Kurtz, D. Tucker, E. Scamehorn, M. Burns, J. Bills, B. Grigs.
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BRIDGE CLUB

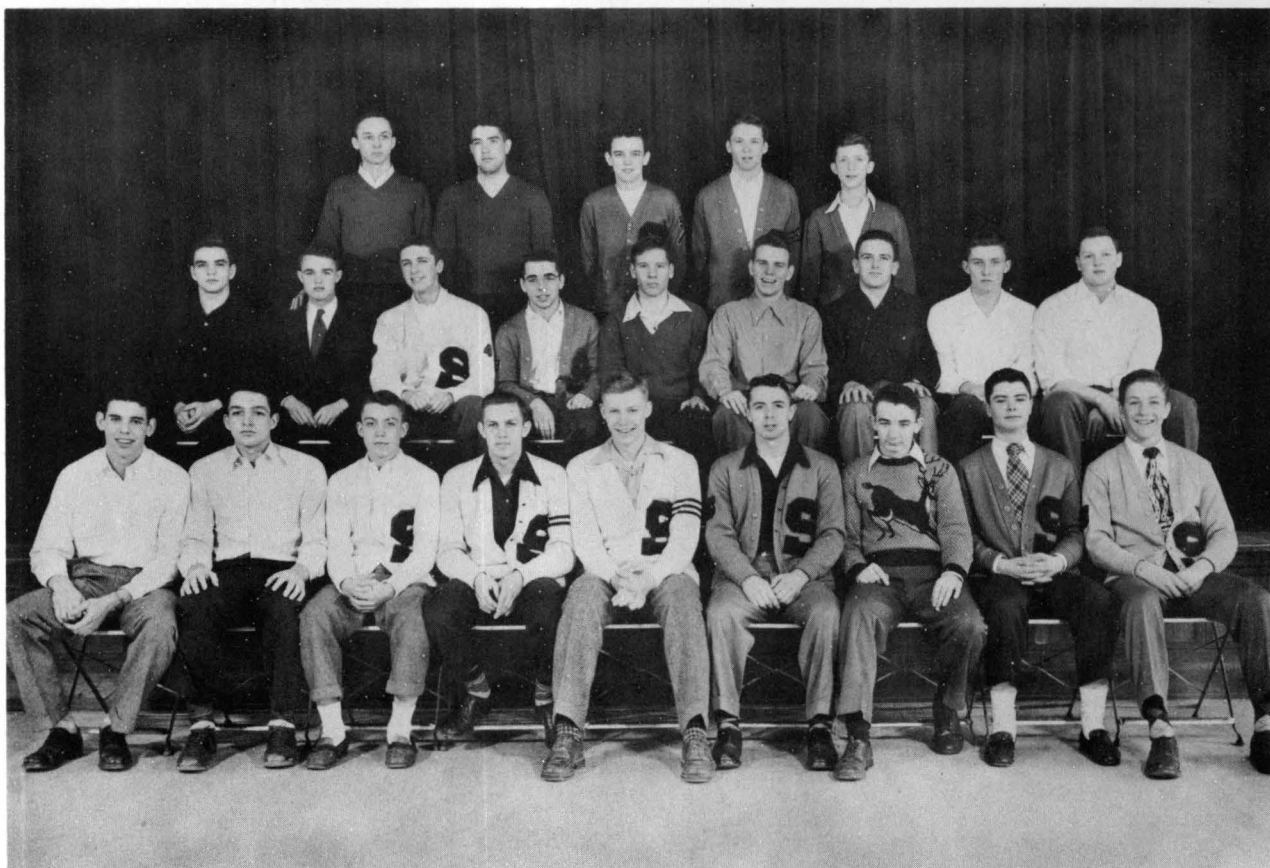
The Bridge Club under the direction of Mrs. Muriel Vincent, has as its purpose to teach beginners how to bid and score and to improve the game of those who already know the fundamentals. This club has always been a popular one; and although, in the past, it has been composed mainly of girls, this year a group of boys has further increased its enrollment. Even though State High is an educational institutional, such organizations as this aid in assisting students to gain social poise.



R. De Haan, J. Copp, P. Rood, D. Habcon, K. Malotte, D. Tucker, L. Howard, E. Tyler.

CREATIVE WRITING

The Creative Writing group was organized with the purpose of discovering new skills in the art of writing short stories, themes, poetry, and various types of newspaper journalism. Under the leadership of Elizabeth Tyler, president, and Dorothy Tucker, secretary, the meetings were thrown open for criticism of the members' own manuscripts. The Club feels greatly indebted to Miss Ellen Burns, under whose sponsorship it functioned, for her valuable bits of coaching on style and techniques.



3rd row: C. Maltby, D. Crawford, C. Kirkpatrick, J. Smith, S. Fast.

2nd row: T. Woodworth, B. Smith, P. Fast, J. Tuberty, B. Russel, B. VanBeck, P. Coffield, J. Gelder, B. Dunbar.

1st row: J. Orwin, B. Burns, J. Hill, B. Fowler, B. Wood, L. VandenBerg, L. Moran, A. Ryan, J. Zitney.

“S” CLUB

The “S” Club, under the direction of Coach Fred Stevens, is composed of the varsity letter winners in football, basketball, baseball, tennis, track and golf. This year, under the leadership of their president, Bob Russel, and secretary, Steve Fast, the Club sponsored a table tennis tournament, an inter-school dance, and also gave an assembly.



A. Hoebeke, E. Brenner, J. Cartland, M. Fopeano, C. McLaughlin, M. Tinkham

HIGHLIGHTS

As publishers of the school newspaper, the Highlights staff has played an important part in the activities of State High during the past year. Under the direction of their editor, Julie Cartland, and their sponsor, Mr. George Cooper, the staff members have worked hard to present to the students an accurate and interesting picture of school life.

Of special interest was the Christmas issue which was larger than it has been for several years. Besides an extra printed page containing an original Christmas story, there was also a mimeographed sheet with gossip and notes of interest.

At the beginning of the second semester a Highlights Club was organized which was composed of those students who were interested in journalism and wished to be on the staff next year. The club was under the able supervision of Miss Shirley Osterman, the editor of the Western Herald.

Galley-1 Highlights



Editor in Chief Julie Cartland
 News Editor Ann Hoebeke
 Sports Editor Bob Dunbar
 Feature Editor Ann Eldridge
 Art Editor Howard Morrison
 Exchange Editor Arlen Winther
 Photographer Dick Curry



Reporters:

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 Elizabeth Brenner, Bob Wood,
 Sue Pullon, Sue Ralston, Mary
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 Bob Russel.



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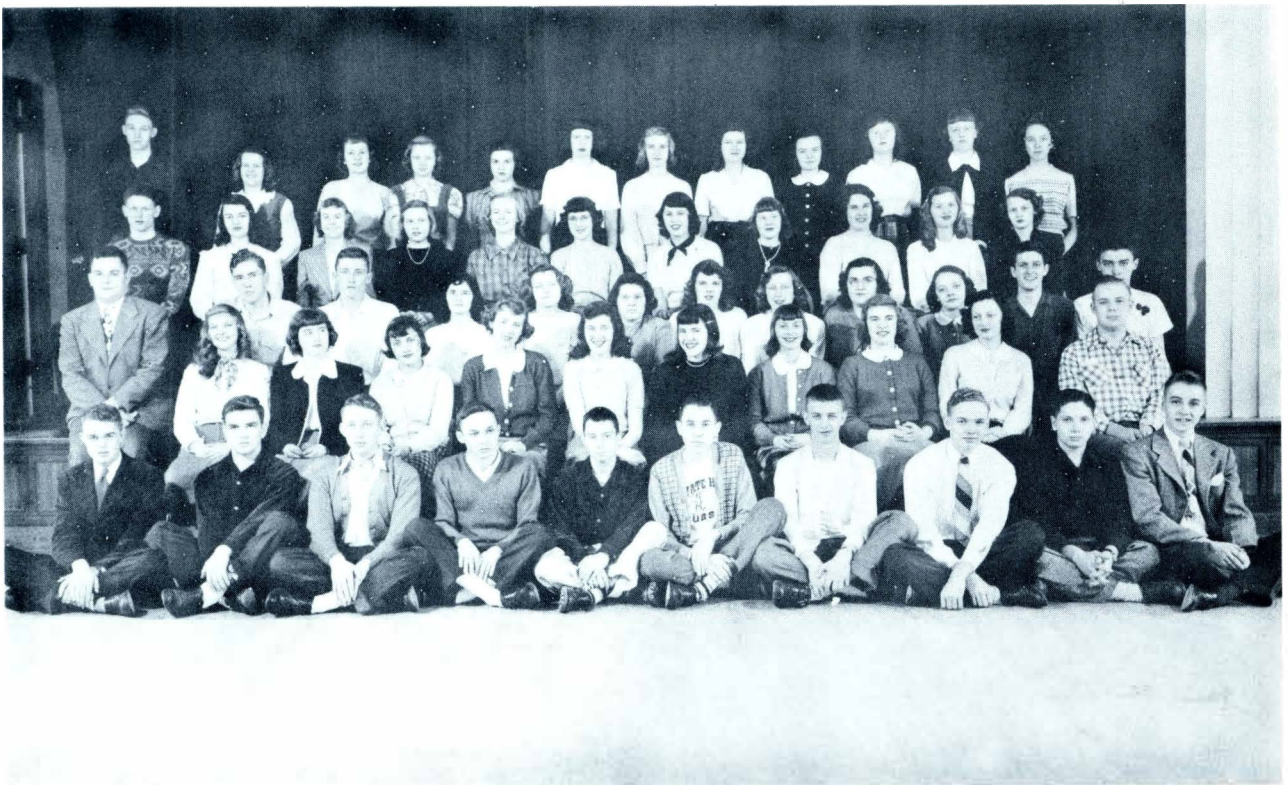


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 J. Bixby.
 1st. row: J. Perry, S. Schrier, L. Smith, J. Taylor, V. Crain, D. Birch, C. Sheldon.

RED CROSS

State High's Junior Red Cross committee has sponsored a number of worthwhile causes this year. Under the direction of their advisor, Mr. Raymond Deur, they were able to collect twenty-three dollars during their fall membership drive.

In November they were host to the County Red Cross at their monthly meeting and at Christmas they supervised the filling of Christmas stockings for soldiers at Percy Jones Hospital. On April 9, they sponsored a dance, "Buttons and Bows," for which State High's own Swingapators played. A big vote of appreciation is due this hardworking group.



- 5th. row: F. Hubbell, V. Crain, M. Henning, P. Mannes, D. Birch, B. Harlan, P. Heidanus, B. Hughes, L. Hope, M. Teugh, A. Teugh, C. Miche.
- 4th. row: J. Knowlton, J. Strome, S. Wykkel, E. Schrier, P. Rood, S. Kurtz, I. Weisman, M. Bondhouse, J. Bixby, P. Cooley, E. Bennett.
- 3rd. row: J. Hoekje, W. Wessels, J. Gelder, B. Forbes J. Scamehorn, A. Soloman, M. Carlson, F. Frye, L. Leroy, J. Leach, D. Hawkins, T. Holdship.
- 2nd. row: B. Klop, P. Maandag, S. Hackman, J. Gannaway, M. Maltby, S. Gary, L. Bennett, M. Woodworth, W. Craig, A. West.
- 1st. row: B. Smith, T. Woodworth, B. Gunnett, C. Maltby, J. Nichols, D. Owen, K. Louis, H. Osborn, D. Neale, D. Curry.

MONITORS

The monitor program, which is twelve years old at State High, is under the supervision of Mrs. Muriel Vincent. The purpose of this organization is to promote self-government, and it functions in the halls, study halls, office, and library. Monitors are selected on the same scholastic standard as athletes with emphasis on leadership and integrity.

The monitors have experienced considerable difficulty this year because they were not a homeroom, as they had been in previous years; but they met twice a week and tried to work as a unit despite this handicap. The monitors had their traditional booth at the Hi-Y Carnival and attended the annual Monitor-Highlights Luncheon.

OFFICERS

President Charles Maltby

Vice-President Tom Woodworth



4th. row: G. Hager, G. Meints, P. Lindquist, P. Deal, N. Harvey, A. VanderLinde, P. Bloom, A. West, R. Kilgore, J. Sebaly, B. Brown, J. Bowen, R. Mills, N. Connor, T. Klinger.
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 1st. row: C. Smith, G. Redmond, R. Miller, W. Hoyt, L. Hope, G. Hubbell, J. Morris, R. Emerson.

BAND

State High's Band this year consisted of fifty members. The first semester it was under the direction of Mr. Elmer Beloof, but when he returned to Columbia University to finish his doctor's degree, his position was successfully filled by Mr. Ralph Wells. The officers of the band were: president, John Smith; vice-president, Ruth Ann Emerson; secretary, Lorraine Hope; treasurer, Roger Mills. The band provided music for the football games, basketball games, and various assemblies. It participated in the Southwestern Michigan Musical Festival, and several solos and ensembles were also entered. With the help of other school organizations, the band sponsored the Blue and Gold Revue for its second year, an event which they hope to make an annual affair.



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J. Smith, R. DeHaan, S. Snyder.

2nd. row: P. Kottman, K. Loughhead, G. Logan, J. Mindeman, R. Emerson, L. Hope, W. Gloviee,
J. Bowen, C. Drummond.

1st. row: P. Rood, J. Perry, M. Hilliard, I. Emerson.

ORCHESTRA

This year the orchestra has grown in size and advancement from last year. Mr. Beloof directed it the first semester, but during his absence in the second semester, Mr. Clarence Williams did an excellent job of taking over. The orchestra played for many regular assemblies as well as for the Honors Day Assembly and graduation. The orchestra entered as a group in the Southwestern Michigan Musical Festival, as well as several of its members entering individually for solos or ensembles.



THE SWING-APATORS

When the Swing-apators first organized they were called the State High Swing Club. Now after two years of work, they have acquired not only a new name, but four boys from Central and a library of one hundred tunes.

They now consist of ten pieces and meet every Monday and Thursday at seven-thirty.

The group has played at several State High dances and also at dances in some of the neighboring schools.

With the expansion of the band they hope to play at more outside dances and perhaps secure a permanent engagement for this summer.



2nd. row: P. Kottman, I. Emerson, M. Hilliard, P. Rood, J. Perry, T. Klinger, J. Leach,
J. Bowen.

1st. row: B. Miller, R. Persons, B. Johnson, G. Redmond, C. Cessna, G. Logan, W. Persons.

ENSEMBLE CLUB

This year, in addition to other school activities, an Ensemble Club was added. Most of the members were from the band and orchestra. One of the most active groups was a piano quintet which was composed of Irene Emerson, cello; Peggy Rood, violin; Joyce Perry, violin; Mary Hilliard, viola; and Phyllisan Kottman, piano. The quintet won second place in the Southwestern Michigan Solo and Ensemble group and also played for the Blue and Gold Revue.

NATURE CLUB

The Nature Club this year, under the sponsorship of Mr. Hackney, devoted most of its time to the study of native birds and bird life.

Slides were utilized in many of the meetings to familiarize the club members with some of the numerous Michigan birds and several field trips were taken to study bird life in its natural habitat.

It was the aim of the group to identify fifty birds in the field; and to help accomplish this purpose, the group took a trip to Kellogg Bird Sanctuary in the spring.

DEBATE CLUB

This year's Debate Club devoted most of its time to practice debates on the 1948-49 question and also to the study of the theory of debating. With the help of their advisor, Mr. William Sack, the club also sponsored the University of Michigan debaters when they were here.

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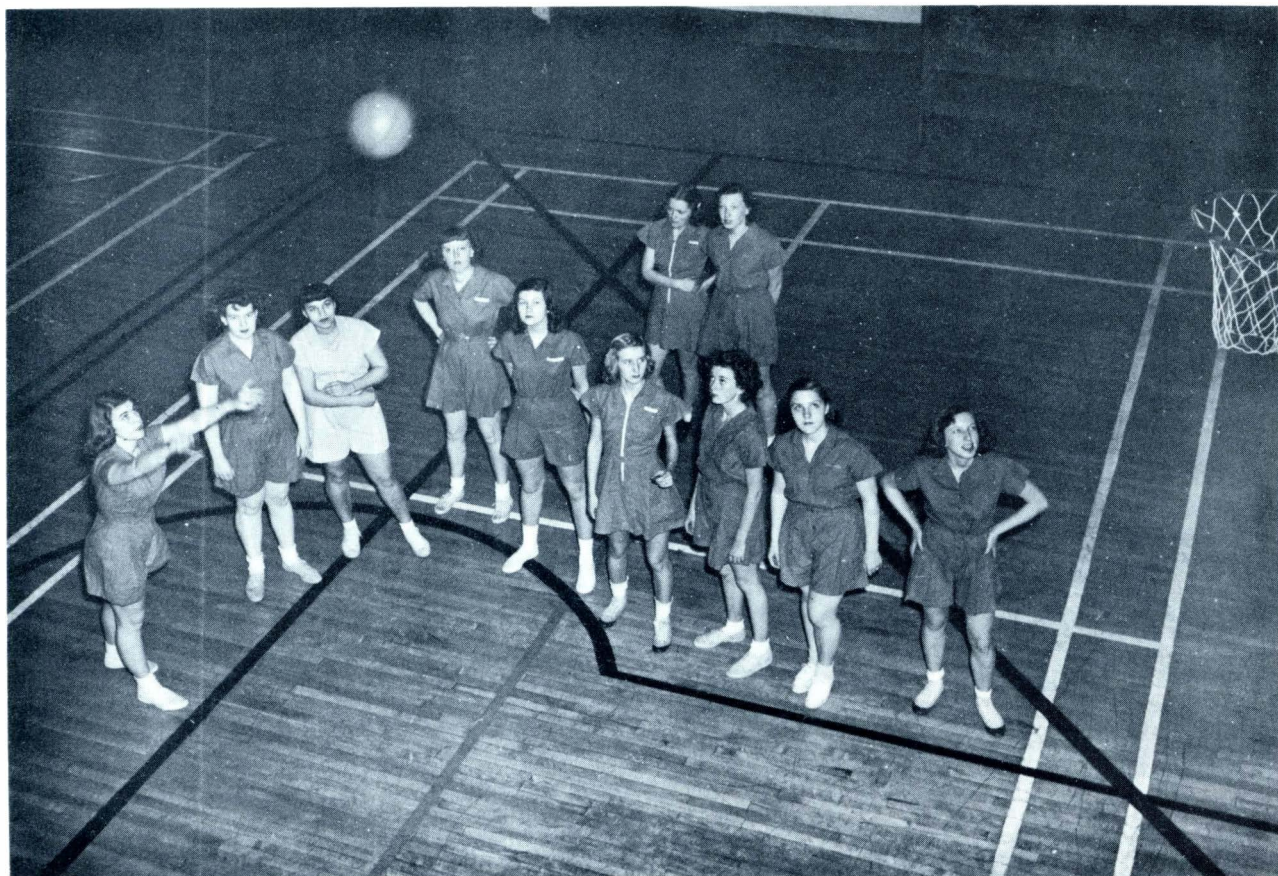
Those students who were interested in photography met regularly every two weeks in room 303 of the Science building. Under the direction of Mr. Carl Snow, the members of the Photography Club were taught how to operate the visual aid equipment in use in our school. They also conducted several picture contests to see who could take the best photograph.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club began the year with fifteen members meeting in the Health and Personnel building for the purpose of learning the fundamentals and fine points of this fascinating game. At the beginning of the second semester the club was reduced to eleven members plus their sponsor, Mr. Frank Fliess, who at various times during the year gave exhibitions of simultaneous playing for the benefit of the club members. Also during the second semester, the Club sponsored a tournament with prizes for those who proved to be the best chess players.

MODERN DANCE CLUB

The Modern Dance Club, which had its beginning last year under the sponsorship of Mrs. Helen Brown, has been working hard this year to improve its technique. The members gave exhibitions of their exceptional talent by doing a dance in the choir's operetta, "Chonita", and also by putting on a series of three acts in the Blue and Gold Revue. These acts, which represented three stages in the development of music, were the Primitive, the Bourée, and the modern number, "Blue Tail Fly." This series of acts was also repeated for a performance before the Newcomers and Young Matrons Club at the YWCA and as a part of the exchange assembly at Niles.



2nd. row: I. VanStratton, D. Tucker.

1st. row: M. Woodworth, E. Tyler, J. Taylor, A. Teugh, B. Hughes, P. Heidanus, M. Thompson, J. Copp, F. Frye.

GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The G.A.A., or Girls' Athletic Association, as it is formally known, met this year every Monday afternoon from three o'clock until four o'clock under the sponsorship of Mrs. Helen Brown. The purpose of the club was to give the girls a chance to practice co-operation, to gain skills in many sports, and just to enjoy some good, clean fun.

At the Volley Ball Tournament Day held last fall, the State High girls received first place in floor play and second place in varsity. Also during the winter the girls played badminton and basketball, while in the spring they turned to the outdoor sports of tennis and softball.



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 3rd. row: G. McCrumb, A. Rush, P. Mannes, H. Payson, L. Bennett, D. Cain, L. Tuberty, D. Roth, R. Mills.
 2nd. row: S. Davis, M. Tinkham, C. Fox, B. Davis, C. Fletcher, J. Smith, A. Watterworth, B. Weiss.
 1st. row: E. Brenner, S. Smith, S. Kindleberger, D. Birch, P. Cooley, E. Bennett, J. Leach, P. Mitchell, K. Malotte.

CHOIR

State High's Choir, composed of thirty-six members, is made up of musically interested students who meet as a class every day. This year, the major efforts of the group were devoted to producing two operettas, "Chonita," an operetta based on the themes of Franz Listz, and "The Pirates of Penzance" by Gilbert and Sullivan, a task which has never before been performed by the choir. The great success of these productions was made possible by the capable musical direction of Mrs. Leoti Britton, the well-chosen casts selected by the students, and the expert staging direction given by Mr. William Sack.

The cast for the operetta "Chonita" starred "Skip" Kindleberger as Chonita, Steve Davis as Stefan, Roger Mills as Murdo, Dawn Birch as Daya, Barbara Hughes as the Baroness Stanesco, Don Cain as the Baron Stanesco, Bradley Smith as Konrad and Fred Meek as Emil.

A double cast of girls was chosen for "The Pirates of Penzance" because of the wide range of talent to choose from. The first night cast starred Dawn Birch as Mabel, Alene Waterworth as Kate, "Skip" Kindelberger as Edith, Carolyn Fox as Isabel, and Jackie Leach as Ruth. The second night cast starred Mary Ann Tinkham as Mabel, Herta Payson as Edith, Lola Bennett as Kate, Lynn Tuberty as Isabel, and Betsy Davis as Ruth. The cast of boys featured Steve Davis as Frederic, Bradley Smith as the Pirate King, Dave Roth as Samuel, Fred Hoyt as the Major General, and Roger Mills as the Sergeant of Police. These two operetta's were performed with a mark of excellence unequalled by a group of this size.

In addition to this, the choir presented a spring concert, sang in the annual May Festival, at the Honors Day Assembly, and the graduation exercises. Much of the credit for the success of the organization is due to the able leadership of Mrs. Leoti Britton.



"CHONITA"

"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE"





J. Kingscott, Vice-President; S. Wykkel, Treasurer; R. Deur, Sponsor;
H. Bills, President; P. Mitchell, Secretary.

STUDENT COUNCIL

This year the Student Council instituted for the first time, the office of Treasurer. Before this time, these duties were performed by the secretary, but it has proven so successful that it will undoubtedly be continued in the future. ,

The new organization, P.T.S.O., was aided and attended by members of the Student Council. This group has helped to better acquaint the parents, teachers, and students of State High.

Among the usual service accomplishments credited to our Council, was the printing of our own football and basketball programs for the games. Other successful achievements were various dances throughout the year, and the planning of the major project, the Monitor-Highlights Luncheon.

The Student Council continued its membership in the C.A.S.M.S.C. (an organization of councils in the south-western Michigan territory.) Through this meeting, the schools, students, and the Student Councils of the member schools became more united, and co-operation and friendship increased between the schools. Several assemblies were exchanged also, the planning of which took place at these meetings.

A great deal of credit must be given to this year's Student Council officers who have contributed much time and effort toward the improvement of our student government system.



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T. Holdship, K. Storey.
1st. row: A. Mahoney, C. Gemrich, S. Beebe, M. Kindleberger, R. Emerson.



Standing: J. Slaughter, W. Burgwald, J. McCarthy, G. Kitchen, J. Russel, J. Perry, M. Newton,
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B. Davis, M. Morris, H. Osborn, T. Murray

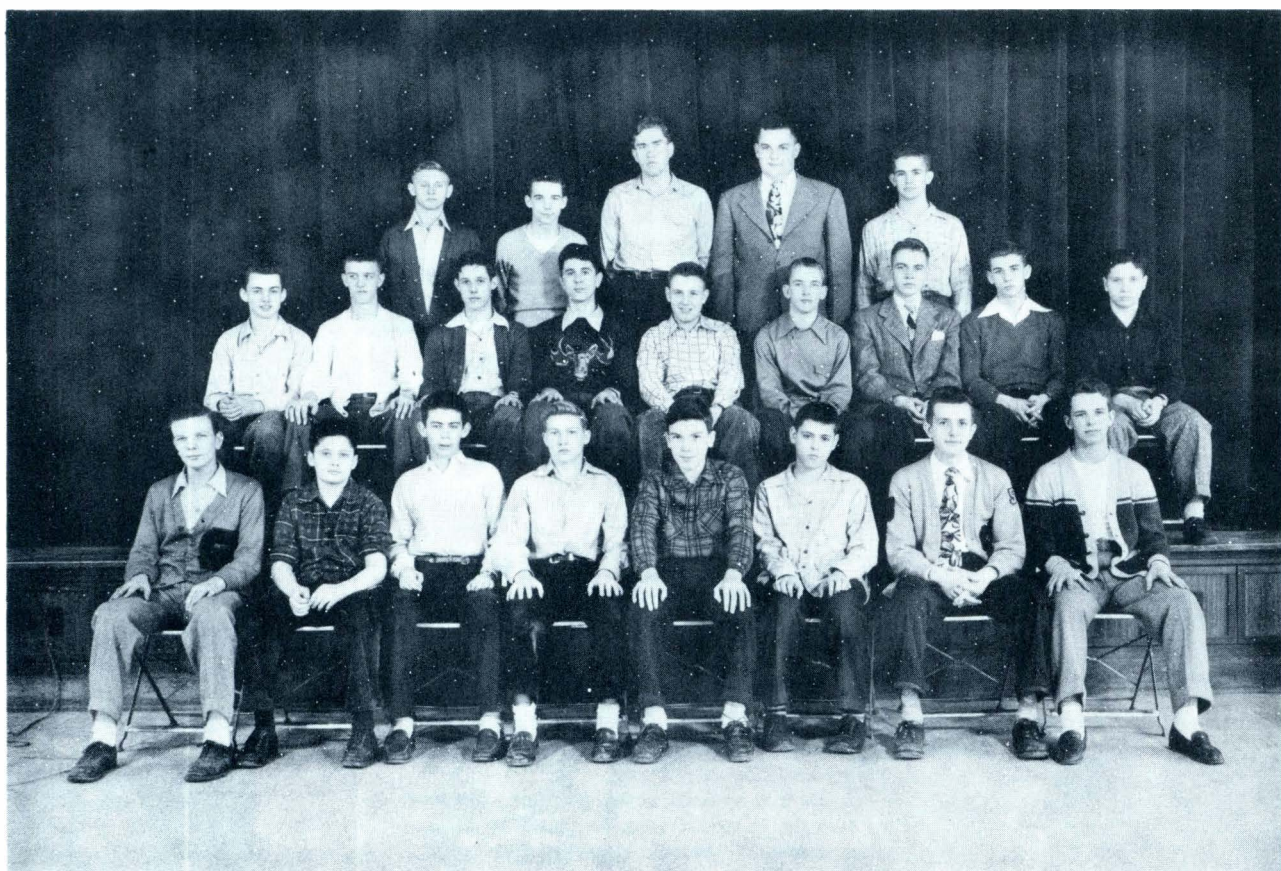
DEBATE TEAM

State High's Debate Team, under the direction of Mr. William Sack, began last fall by preparing the 1948-49 question: "Resolved: That the United Nations now be revised into a Federal World Government."

The varsity team composed of Marilyn Morris and Betsy Davis, affirmative; Tom Murray and Hadley Osborn, negative, won five out of their eight league debates with Hudsonville, Holt, Hastings, and Battle Creek Central. Then as the eliminations drew near the debators increased the tempo of their work, and, as a result State High's negative team defeated Comstock's affirmative in their first district elimination. In their second contest, State's affirmative team lost to Albion's negative team who later went on to win the championship.

The team traveled over 650 miles, debated with fifteen schools and played host to eighteen schools. The four debators received individual certificates of merit from the Detroit Free Press and won for the school a wall plaque as runner-up in the District Elimination contest held here in February. The team debated before seven civic organizations and over WGFG.

Credit should also be given to the speech class members who did not debate but gave the team a great deal of needed support.



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2nd. row: K. Sherman, K. Louis, P. DeRyke, J. Mindeman, P. Lindquist, J. Dollahan, D. Curry, B. Smith, D. Neal.

1st. row: J. Rowe, B. VanLaar, F. Dilno, B. Dalm, D. Gleason, J. Post, P. Deal, G. Kitchen.

HI-Y

The Hi-Y Club of 1948-49 met regularly every two weeks under the direction of Mr. Ernest Weber. The officers elected for the year were Ken Louis, president; Peter Lindquist, vice-president; and Bob Dalm, secretary-treasurer.

During the second semester, the club devoted most of its time to the Hi-Y Carnival which was held March 22. The members began planning early in January and the various committees worked hard to make the event a success. The Hi-Y also devoted part of its time to helping sponsor the annual All Sports Banquet.



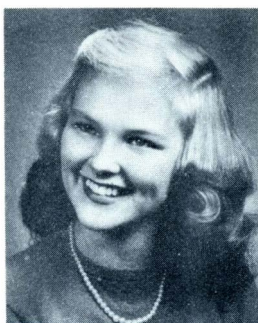
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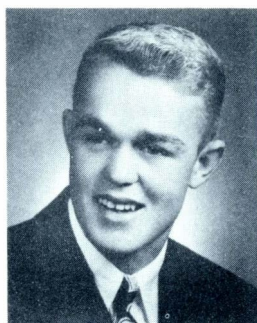
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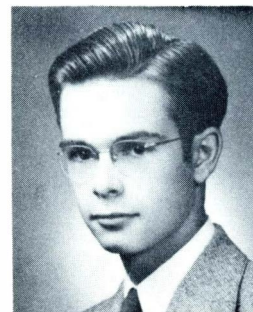
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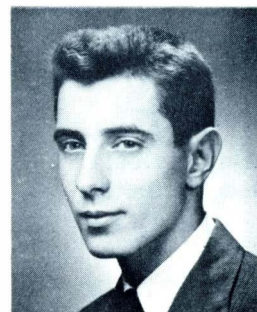
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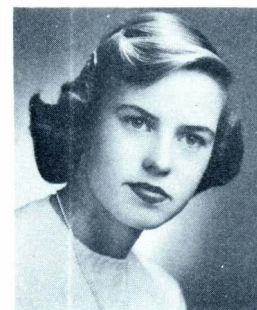
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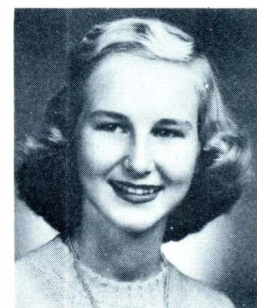
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C. Maltby, Sports Editor



S. Ralston, Features



P. Heidanus, Organizations



N. Conner, Subscription

HIGHLANDER STAFF

The Highlander staff of 1949 was chosen by the faculty last spring. We decided then to produce a book that you would enjoy - one that would represent all of you and not only a few.

We changed to Litho-printing, because we thought it would then be possible to make a bigger, more representative book. We hope that it will bring you pleasure, as we have had much enjoyment in producing it for you. The staff has worked hard and we feel that we have done our best.

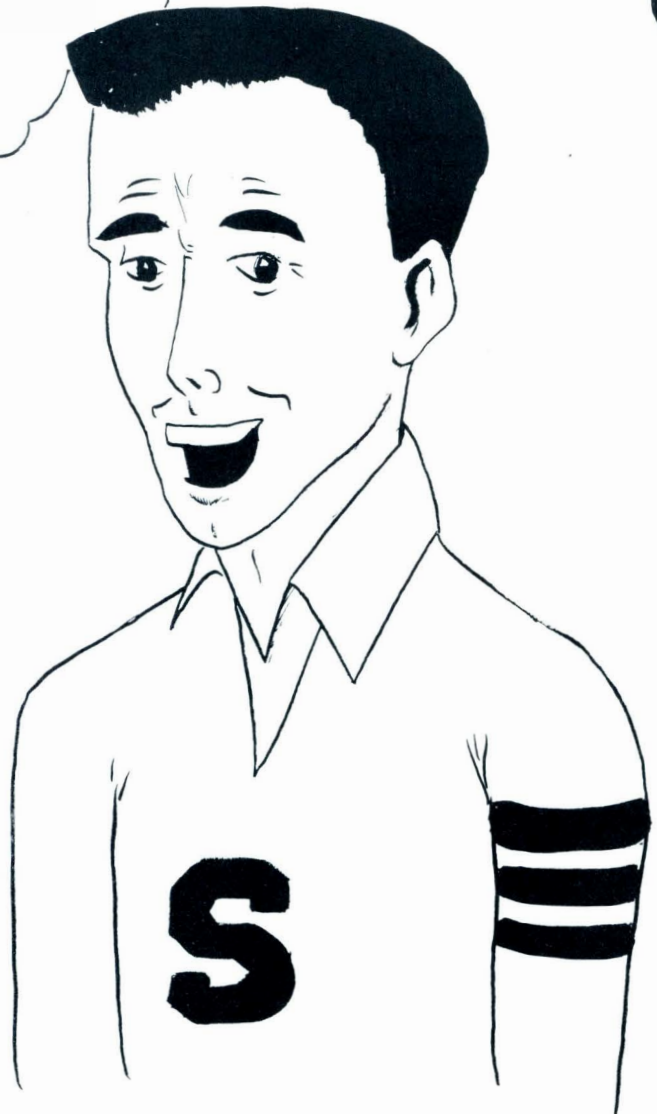
Special thanks should be given to Robert Smith and Douglas Wendzell who, by their extra hard work, have made a new record. in advertisements.

We wish to thank Miss Golda Crisman, our faculty advisor, and Miss Arlita Richardson, a student teacher, who helped us more than anyone could ever realize.

We leave extending best wishes to you and wishing next year's staff the best of luck.

SPORTS

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ALL THE PLAYERS
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GOLD.





FOWLER, CAPTAIN



P. COFFIELD



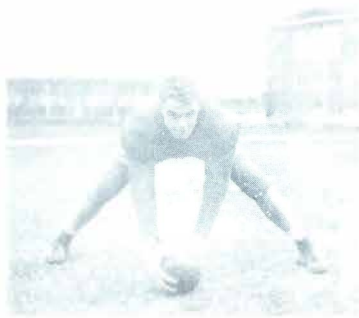
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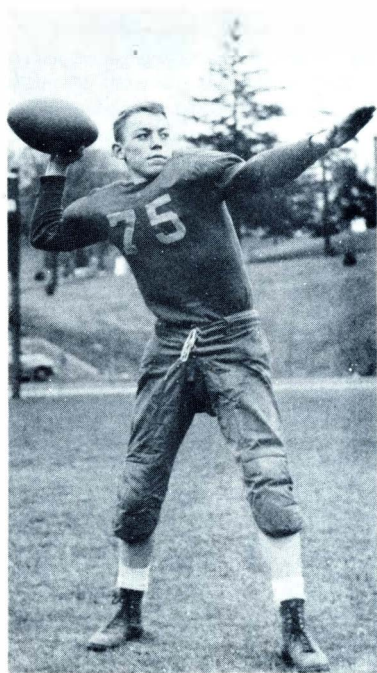


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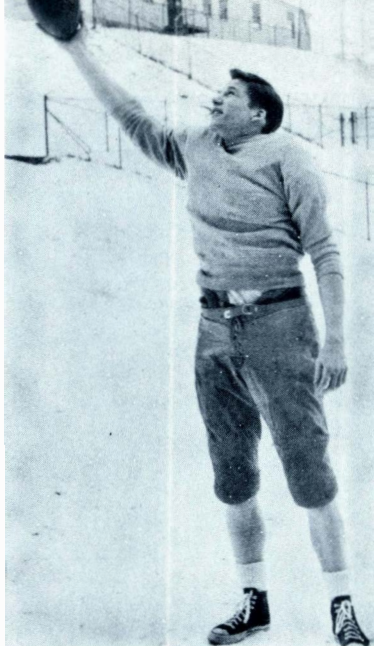
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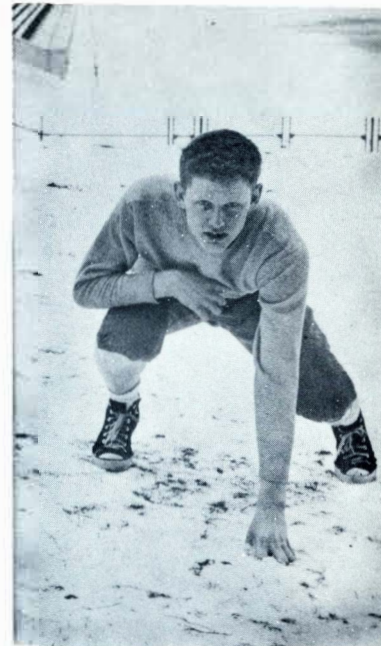
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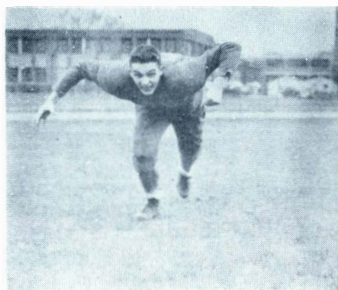


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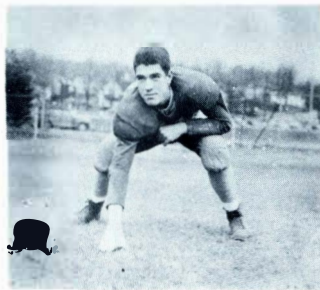


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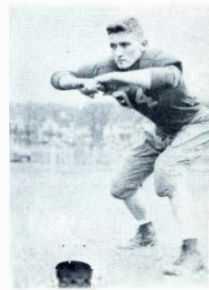
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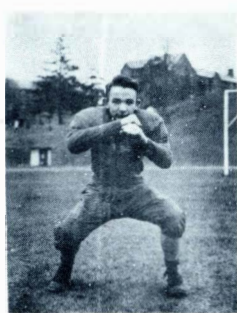
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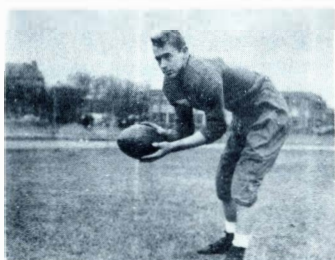
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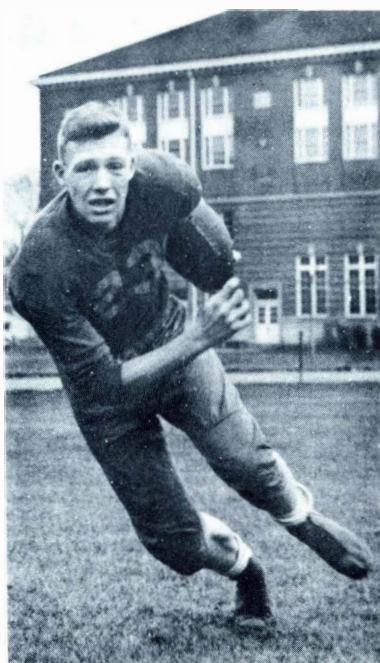
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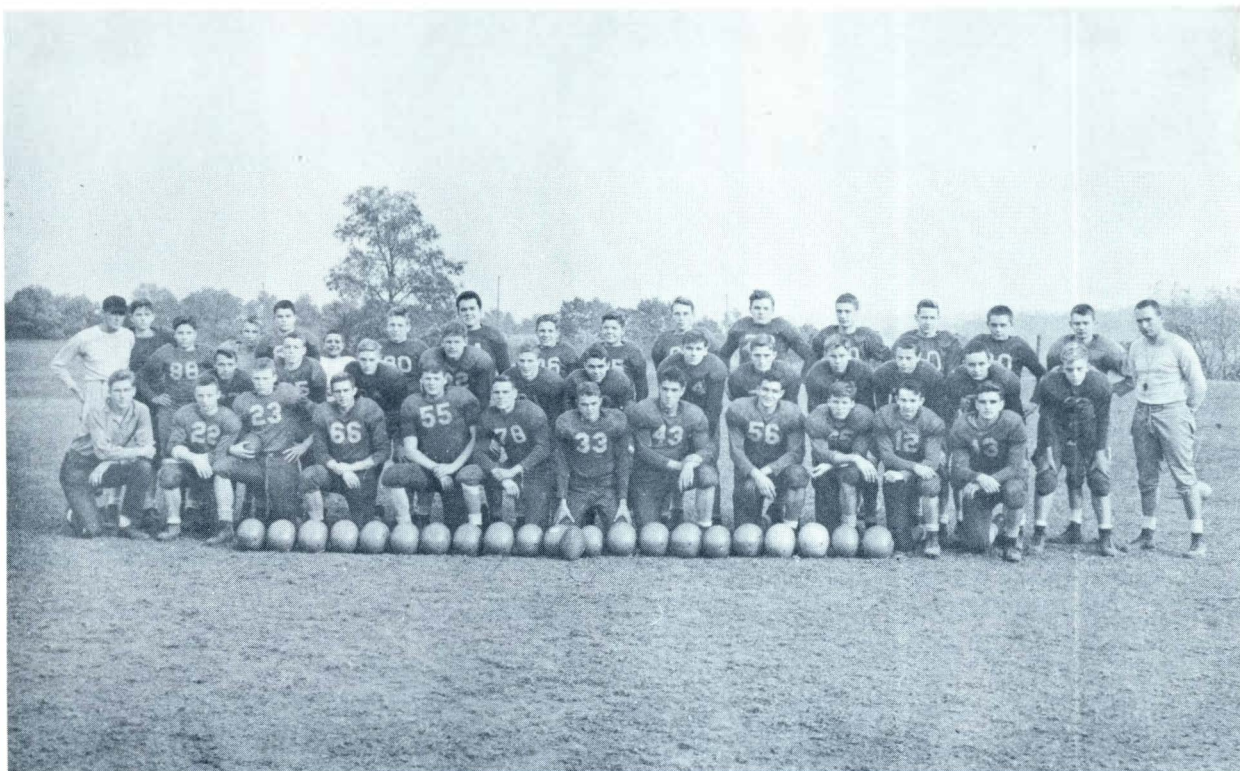
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- 3rd. row: Coach Richmond, D. Roth, D. Neal, A. Ryan, J. Toornman, G. Hager, D. Cain, P. Lindquist, B. Brown, R. Gunnett, W. Rhodes, J. McCrumb, D. Carter, D. Seelye, K. Sherman, F. Stevens.

FOOTBALL

With nine lettermen returning, State High looked forward to an average season this fall.

In the first game of the season, the Cubs defeated a newly formed Portage team, 26-0.

Buchanan came to town to defeat State High, 12-0. Buchanan later went on to win the Big Seven Title.

A powerful St. Joseph eleven edged out State High in their next game, 13-6. Although outplayed and outfought for three quarters, St. Joe went on to win the fourth quarter.

State High took its worst and last defeat of the season at Three Rivers to the tune of 33-6. State was greatly hampered by injuries in this game.

State chalking up its first win in four games, defeated Dowagiac, 7-0.

South Haven went down to defeat, 7-0. The lone touchdown of the game was chalked up by Roger Burns, who stole the ball from South Haven's quarterback and ran ten yards for the score.

Celebrating their homecoming day, State racked up its highest conference score of the year by defeating Niles, 26-0.

State High finished its season in the wind and rain at Battle Creek Lakeview. Getting a quick score in the first quarter, State settled back to play a defensive game and ended up on the long end of a 7-0 score and the right to keep the Kalamazoo Precast Trophy.

Graduating lettermen are Bob Smith, John R. Smith, Barney Fowler, Roger Burns, Bob Dunbar, Bob Wood, Larry Moran, Tom Woodworth, Charles Maltby, Bob VanBeck, Bob Russel, John Tuberty, and Len VandenBerg.

Returning lettermen are Dale Crawford, Fred Meek, John Gelder, Frank Spitters, Jack Hill, Jerry Knowlton, and Pat Coffield.

All-City and All-Conference men are John R. Smith, Roger Burns, and Tom Woodworth.



Coach Stevens, P. Fast, J. Orwin, J. Knowlton, J. Smith, B. Dunbar,
R. Russel, J. Zitney, S. Fast, F. Spitters, T. Woodworth

BASKETBALL

State's prospects looked bright at the beginning of the 1948-49 basketball season. Returning lettermen were Jim Orwin, Tom Woodworth, John R. Smith, Jerry Knowlton, Bob Wood, and Phil Fast.

The starting line-up of Jim Orwin, Jerry Knowlton, Tom Woodworth, John R. Smith, and Bob Dunbar opened the season with a 37 - 28 win over Dowagiac.

South Haven edged State 37-33. South Haven later won the championship.

State came back strong to defeat East Grand Rapids 43-32 and then dropped two close games to Niles and Buchanan.

The Cubs bounced back to whip Three Rivers, edge a hard fighting St. Joseph team 38-37, and neatly set down Holland Christian 44-29.

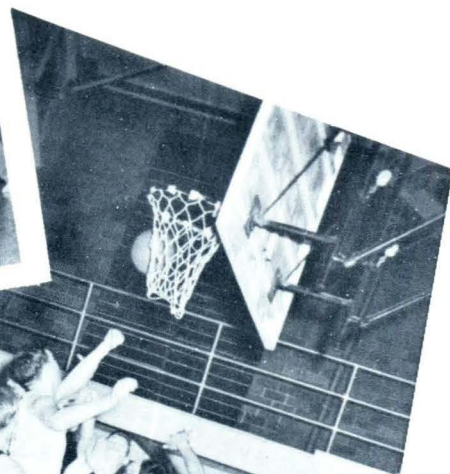
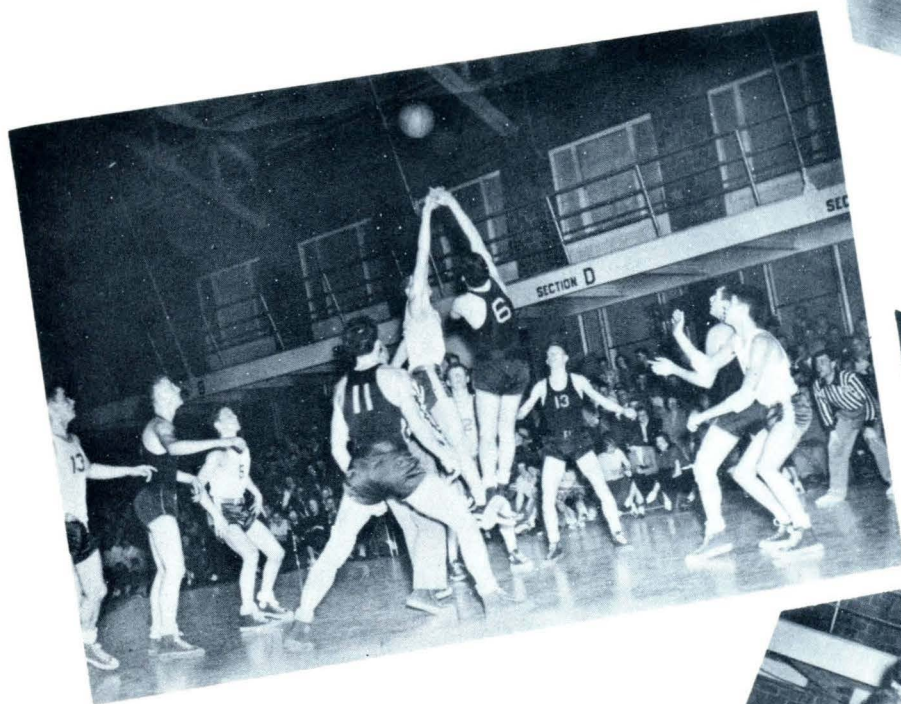
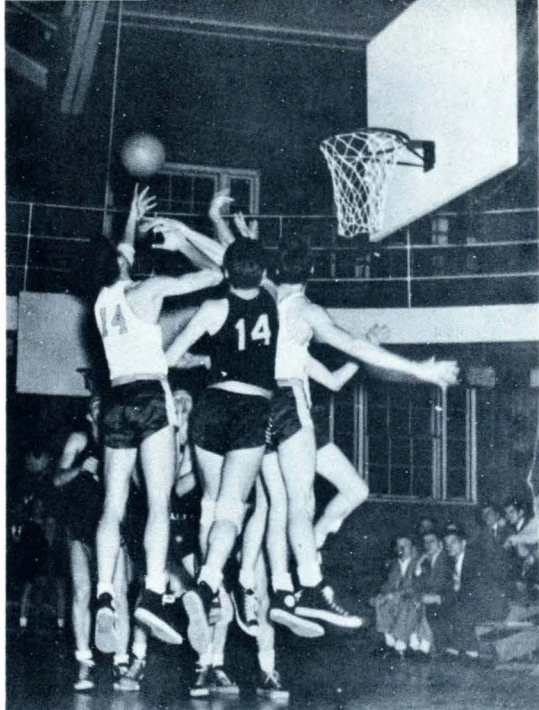
The next three games in succession were lost to Buchanan, Dowagiac, and Niles.

Again the Blue and Gold began to roll and tripped Holland Christian, Buchanan, and Three Rivers.

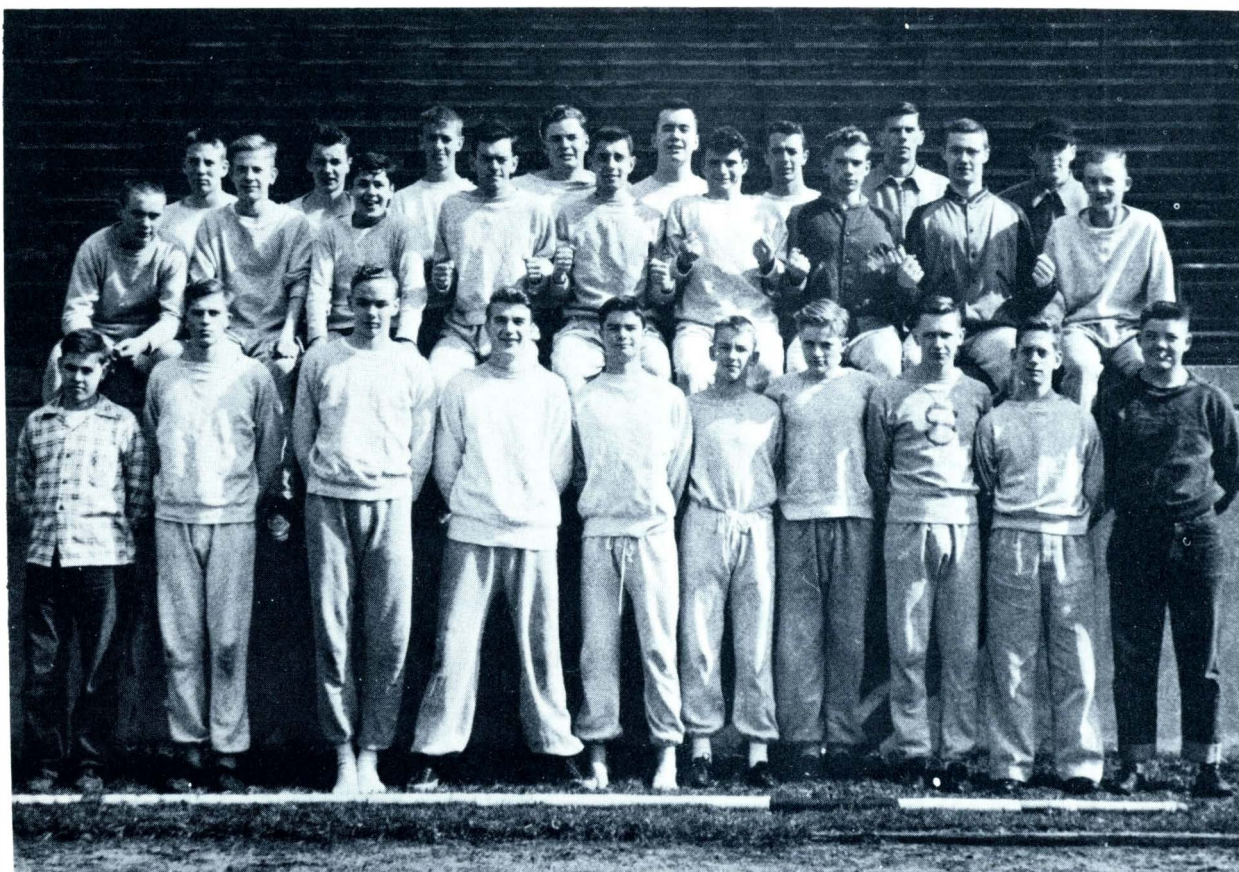
State suffered bitter defeat in its last two games, losing to St. Joseph 24-27, and to powerful South Haven 31-32.

In the District Tournament the Cubs trounced Three Rivers 54-33 and then were nosed out by Coldwater 39-37 in the final game.

Graduating lettermen for State are Jim Orwin, John R. Smith, Bob Dunbar, Tom Woodworth, Bob Wood, and Phil Fast.







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 3rd. row: G. Hager, K. Sherman, K. Louis, W. Rhodes, D. Cain, L. VandenBerg, Coach Richmond.

TRACK

Coach Bob Richmond, State's track coach, has a tough job of replacing the trackmen lost through graduation last year, but with plenty of hard work State should do well. Prospects are John Smith, Bill Page, Bob Smith, Al Ryan, Roger Burns, Barney Fowler, and Hadley Osborn.

SCHEDULE

April 23	.....	State High at Hastings Relays
April 26	.....	St. Joe ... here
May 2	.....	St. Joe and Niles ... at Niles
May 5	.....	Dowagiac and Three Rivers...
		At State High
May 13	.....	Conference Field Day at
		Kalamazoo
May 17	.....	Allegan ... here
May 21	.....	Regional Meet at Kalamazoo
May 28	.....	State Meet at East Lansing



1st. row: F. Maher, C. Kirkpatrick, M. Bradeen, D. Crawford, C. Maltby, L. Moran, R. Wood, T. Woodworth, B. Dunbar.
 2nd. row: J. Riling, R. Hoare, D. Forward, B. Miller, L. Smith, R. Hawkins, F. Spitters, B. Smith, R. Mills, F. Hubbell, R. Smith, J. E. Smith, F. Hoyt, R. Struble, F. Dilno, R. Whisler, J. McCarthy, Coach Stevens.

BASEBALL

State High looks forward to an above average baseball season this year. Spring practice found Coach Fred Stevens with eight returning lettermen. This year's starting line-up should consist of -- Tom Woodworth, catcher; Barney Fowler, first base; Marlin Bradeen, second base; Larry Moran, shortstop; Bob Wood, third base; John Smith, Chuck Maltby, and Bob Dunbar in the outfield. The pitching assignments will be split between Clair Kirkpatrick and Len VandenBerg. State won its first game from Allegan, 9 to 3.

SCHEDULE

April	7	.....	Allegan	.....	there
April	15	.....	Otsego	.....	there
April	22	.....	Niles	.....	here
May	3	.....	Buchanan	.....	here
May	6	.....	Dowagiac	.....	here
May	9	.....	Allegan	.....	here
May	20	.....	Dowagiac	.....	there
May	24	.....	Hastings	.....	here
May	27	.....	St. Joe	.....	there
June	3	.....	South Haven	.....	there



Coach Hunsberger, P. Fast, J. Gelder, J. Zitney, J. Rowe, J. Hill.

GOLF

Prospects should be good for Golf Coach Gordon Hunsberger this spring. Lettermen Phil Fast, Jack Hill, Jack Rowe, and Joe Zitney return to form a power-packed team. Co-Captains are Phil Fast and Jack Hill. The team should go a long way.

SCHEDULE

April 20	St. Joe	here
April 28	Battle Creek Lakeview	
May 5	Battle Creek Lakeview	
May 12	Dowagiac	there
May 13	Conference Meet	here
May 16	Elkhart	here
May 18	Niles	here
May 19	Dowagiac	here
May 21	Regional Meet at Battle Creek	
May 25	St. Joe	there
May 28	State Meet at Kalamazoo	



1st. row: B. Russel, J. Tuberty, J. Russel, P. Deal, G. Kitchen, S. Fast.
 2nd. row: J. Knowlton, G. Kruizenga, R. VanBeck, B. Pine, Coach Foster,
 J. Orwin.

TENNIS

Although State lost five lettermen from their last year's State Class A. Championship team, they still will be exceptionally strong this spring. Coach Hilton Foster can count on Jim Orwin, Bob Dunbar, Steve Fast, Bob Russel, John Tuberty, Bob VanBeck, and Conrad Fischer. State High is in class A again this year and the going may be tough, but the netters should pull through.

SCHEDULE

April 17	St. Joe	here
May 6	Elkhart	there
May 12	Dowagiac	there
May 13	Conference Meet at Kalamazoo	
May 16	Elkhart	here
May 18	Niles	here
May 19	Dowagiac	here
May 21	Regional Meet at Kalamazoo	
May 26	Holland	
May 28	State Meet at Kalamazoo	



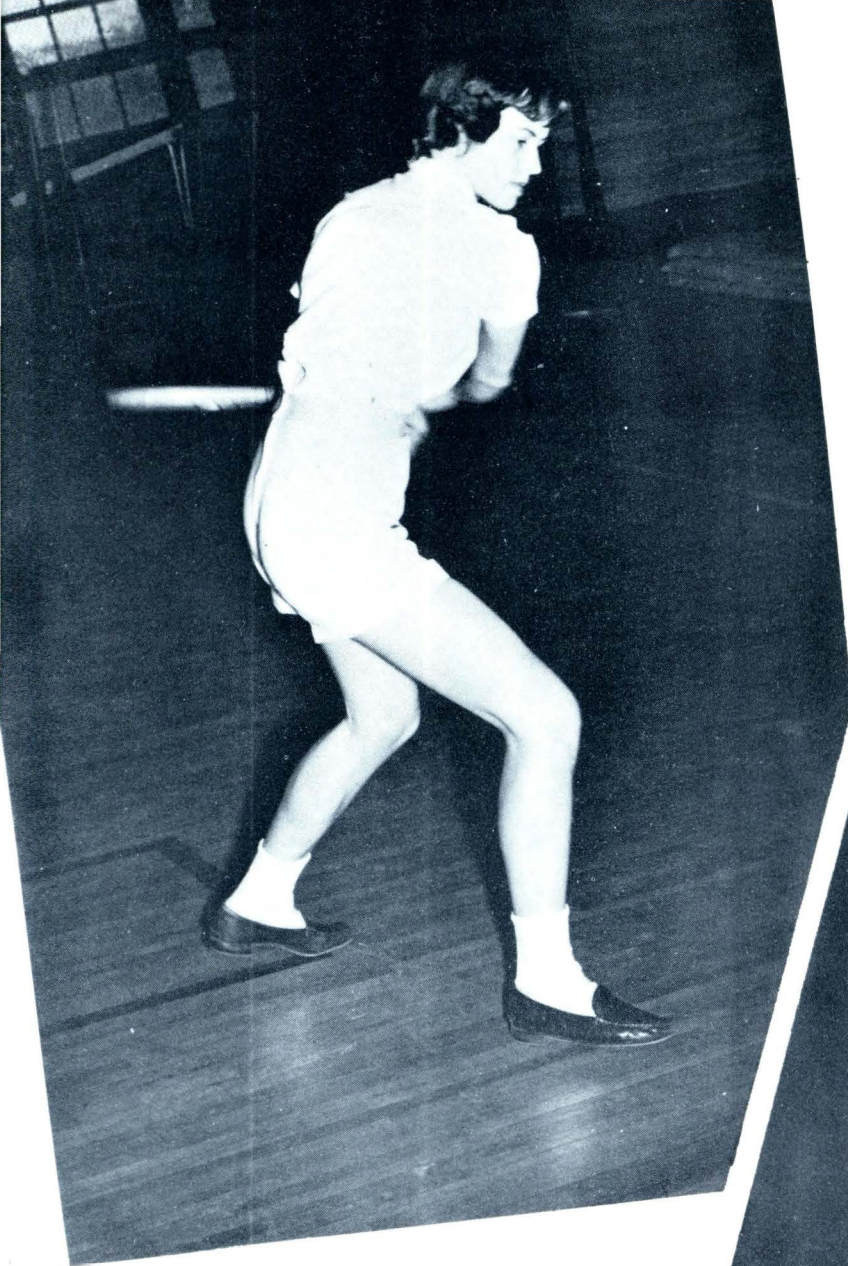
Front row: M. Woodworth, S. Loughhead
Back row: L. Green, G. Logan, S. Hackman

CHEER LEADERS

Six, hardworking cheerleaders under the direction of Mary Lou Woodworth, captain, have given unsparingly of their time and effort to improve the school spirit of State High students.

To help achieve this purpose, Pep Meetings were held before most of the home football and basketball games. The entire student body met in the Women's Gym to hear short talks by the coach and captains, to do a few yells, and to sing both the old and new school songs accompanied by the band.

We all wish to say thanks to the cheerleaders for the excellent job they have done this year and wish them even more success in the coming year.



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tennis player of
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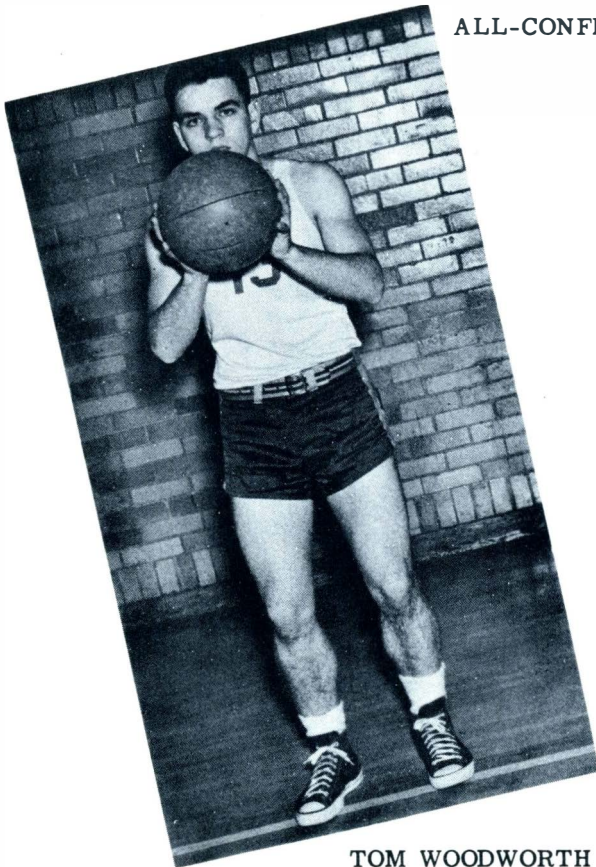


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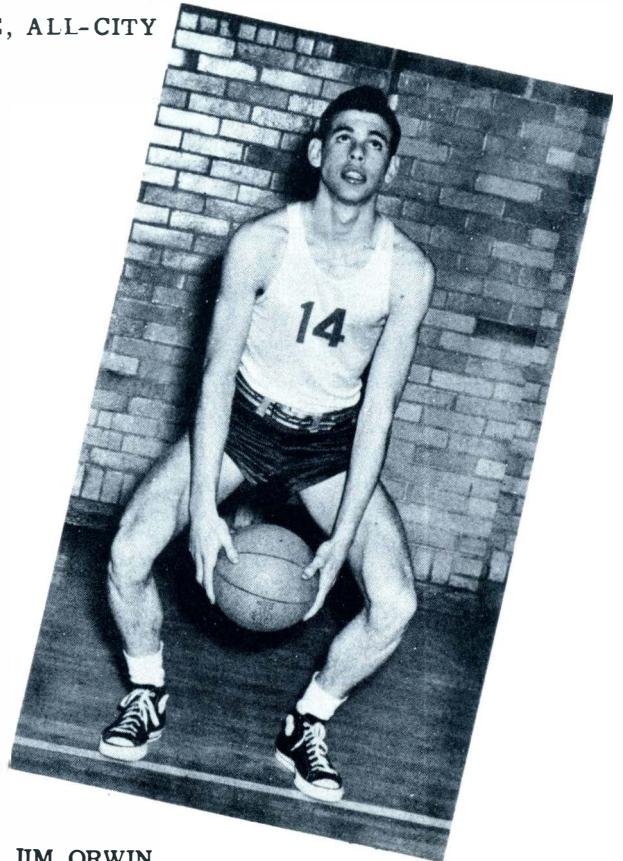


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JIM ORWIN



HISTORY OF THE 49'ERS

September 14, 1945, was our first glimpse of sophisticated high school life. Remember that Get-Acquainted party?

Bob Dunbar, President, Sue Ralston, Vice-President, and Pat Mitchell, Secretary, led the brilliant freshmen to many triumphant achievements.

In the field of sports, the future stars of State High already were battling their way to the top. The basketball team won twelve games and lost three--two of these to St. Joe. State snatched the District Championship but was jinxed again by the Bears in the Regional finals. The football team did not fare as well. It won three games, tied two, and lost four. State did capture the newly offered trophy from Battle Creek Lakeview, 7-0. Jimmy Orwin held second berth on the tennis team, Bob Dunbar held fourth, while Phil Fast was number five with the golfers. These three were the only varsity letter winners from the freshmen class, but many fellow "freshies" were on the "B" squad. That was Coach Bob Quiring's last year at State.

Exciting school affairs were the Christmas formal, "Snowflake Serenade," the spring formal, "Over the Rainbow," the turnabout, "Spring Fever," the annual spring play, "You Can't Take It With You," and the operetta, "The Gondoliers."

Of course, the "freshies" saw the inauguration of the first and last student government day. Too bad, the freshmen were too innocent to join the fun. Also there was a debut of a New Year's dance. It lasted until 12:30--an unheard of hour for said State Highites. The year also blossomed forth with a budding romance; Miss Hathaway, the freshmen English instructor, and Mr. Deur, the Biology teacher, entered into the holy bonds of matrimony in the spring.

The year ended with a class free-for-all at Gull Lake. The weather was perfect--cold, miserable, and wet. Thus ended the famous freshmen saga.

Oakwood led the Sophomore class in 1946-47. Barney Fowler, Len Vanden Berg, and Pat Mitchell took the honors of class President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

One eminent sophomore woman, Mollie Boylan, was elected football queen. The monitor staff welcomed quite a group of "soph" watchdogs, and Highlights staff ran to death some proud new sophomore reporters.

The annual formals and turnabout were cleverly labled, "Winter Wonderland," "Rhapsody in Blue," and "Cupid's Caper."

The spring play, "Kind Lady," boasted a classmate in the cast, Tom Murray. The operetta was "The Mikado." Remember when the main lead lost his voice in the middle of the performance? Oh! Those were the exciting days.

In sports, Roger Burns, Bob Dunbar, John R. Smith, and Bob Wood earned their football letters. Coach Hick Hanson worked with the grid squad. The basketball team had a very successful season under Coach Fred Stevens. That year with Bob Dunbar, Jim Orwin, John R. Smith, and Tom Woodworth on the active list, State won the Regional Championship. That was the first State High team to have gone that far in twelve years. Bob Wood, Marlin Bradeen, and Tom Woodworth joined the baseball team. John Smith excelled in the high jump and broad jump for track. State boasted the usual strong tennis record. Jim Orwin and Bob Dunbar held second and fourth place, respectively, while John Tuberty and Bob Russell played doubles. Phil Fast advanced to second position in golf. Along with athletics, "Skip" Bills was in there drumming up school pep with his cheerleading.

HISTORY OF THE 49'ERS

The annual class picnic at Gull Lake concluded the year. There was the usual weather. Several major catastrophies occurred. Bob Smith developed a cramp in the middle of the lake, Marilyn Morris fell in, clothes and all, and two automobiles were dented. Oh! well, what else can be expected of such a talented class?

In the junior year, our class really went places. That year the "new look" became the rage; both sexes demonstrated a marked enthusiasm towards corduroy appeal.

Julie Cartland, President, Tom Woodworth, Vice-President, Mary Schlichting, Secretary, and Chuck Maltby, Treasurer, guided the class in organizing the best Junior-Senior prom, "Boulevard of Memories," State High had had in decades. Practically every junior lent a helping hand towards its phenomenal success. The officers also aided the class in presenting a terrific junior class talent assembly. In addition to being humorous, (the class fondly imagined it so), the project offered the opportunity to display the very excellent talent in our class.

Most of the students attended the big formals, "Winter Wonderland," "April Showers" and the turnabout, "Lovers' Leap."

All of the class turned out to see their classmates, Dawn Birch, Jackie Leach, Steve Davis, and Bob Dunbar in the "H.M.S. Pinafore," and Tom Murray, Sue Ralston, and Harold Bills and Howard Morrison in the spring play, "Arsenic and Old Lace." Betsy Davis, Julie Cartland, and Marilyn Morris worked backstage to help create this success.

A Swing Band was organized for the first time. Ken Louis tinkled the ivories and John R. Smith was the young man with a horn. The first Blue and Gold Revue was staged. Since it was such a hit, it will become another annual tradition. State even had its own library. 1947-48 was quite a year of "firsts" for State High.

Sportistically, the juniors were well represented. Larry Moran, John Smith, Tom Woodworth, Bob Smith, and Barney Fowler were varsity football letter winners. State lost two, tied one, and won four. One defeat of the Cubs was handed out by Battle Creek Lakeview, giving them the right to keep the trophy, which they had won the year before. John R. Smith was particularly honored by being on All-City. Junior lettermen in basketball, Bob Dunbar, John R. Smith, Jim Orwin, and Tom Woodworth reported at the beginning of the season. However, Jimmy broke a collarbone. Bob Wood, Roger Burns, and Phil Fast advanced to the varsity squad. In track, Bob Smith and John R. Smith were outstanding, while Jim Orwin and Bob Dunbar still held second and fourth positions on the tennis team. John Tuberty and Bob Russell and Bob Van-Beck played doubles. Meanwhile, there were juniors Bob Dunbar, Bob Wood, Marlin Bradeen, Tom Woodworth, Barney Fowler, Len Vanden Berg and Larry Moran.

School elections were held in the spring. Harold Bills became President, Jackie Kingscott, Vice-President, Pat Mitchell, Secretary, and Sally Wykkel became the first treasurer of the institution.

Oh, yes, it did not rain on the class picnic that year. The class was suncharred.

The senior year arrived at last, and the officers were elected as follows: Charles Maltby, President, Bob Smith, Vice-President, Sue Ralston, Secretary, and Jackie Leach, Treasurer. Julie Cartland had the honor of being editor of Highlights, and Barbara Klop was editor of the Highlander. Many things happened this year. Shall we glance through?



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THE CHRISTMAS FORMAL--



OUR ENTERTAINERS--



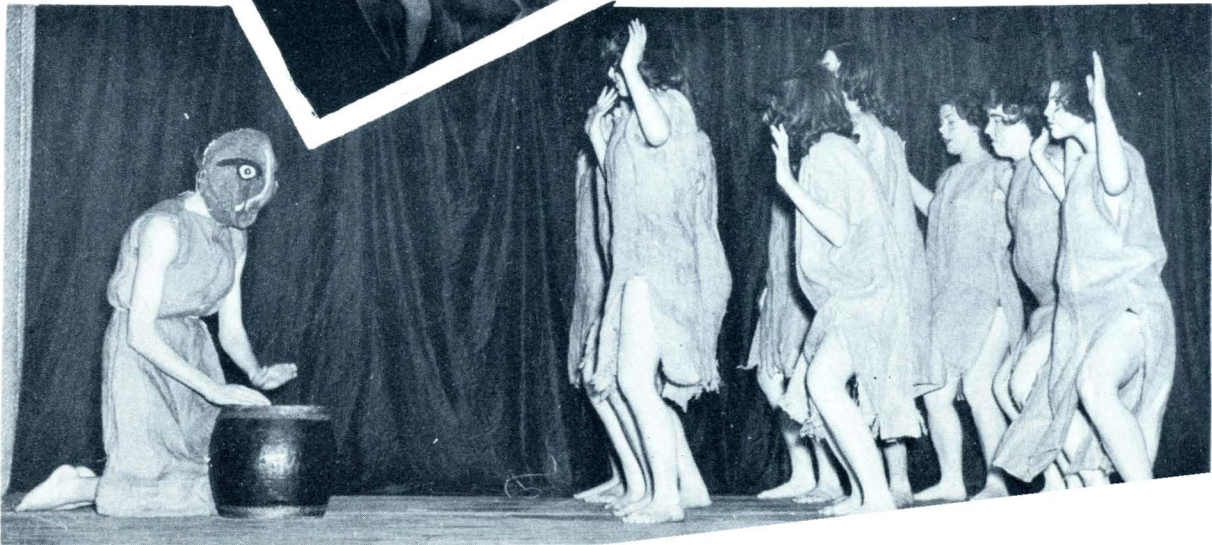
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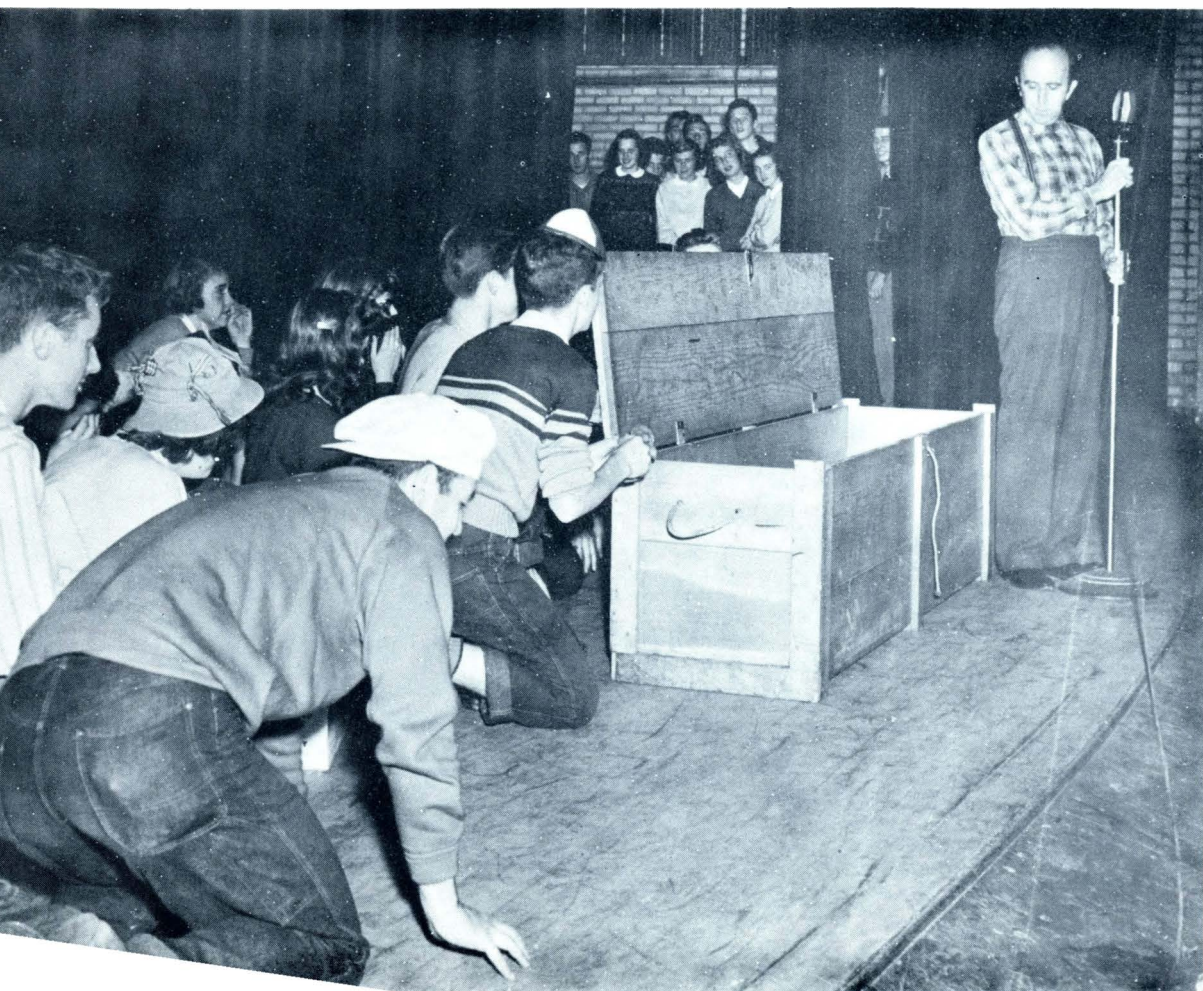
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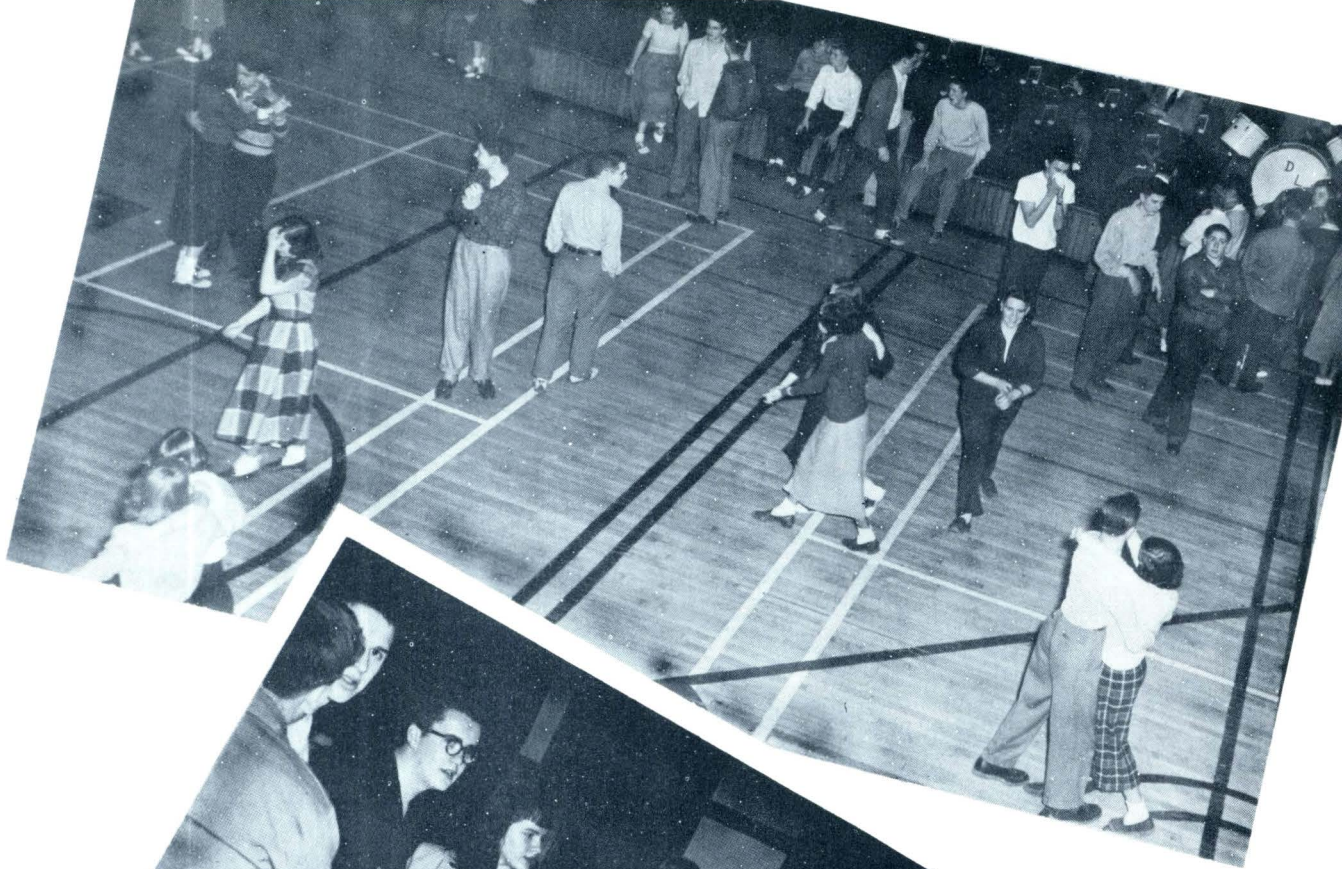






FRESHMAN DRESS-UP DAY--





MORE DANCES--



The "Oak"--





FOOTBALL--



On March 31, April 1 and 2, "Life With Father" by Clarence Day was given as the annual spring play under the direction of Mr. William Sack. In the leading roles of this popular Broadway hit were Howard Morrison as Father, Betsy Davis as Vinnie, Bob Wood as Clarence Day, Fred Meed as John Day, Alfred Gemrich as Whitney Day, Ted Garneau as Harland Day, Dick Curry and Bradley Smith as the doctors, Don Cain as Reverend Dr. Lloyd, Dawn Birch as Aunt Cora, Jackie Slaughter as Mary, Mary Teugh as the cook, and Mary Fopeano, Ruth Pionke, Alene Waterworth, and Elizabeth Brenner as Annie, Nora, Maggie, and Delia respectively.

The Christmas play this year was written by two talented State High authors, Linda Howard and Betsy Davis. The title of the story was "And A Little Child Shall Lead Them" and the roles in the production were filled by the following students: French maid, Jackie Slaughter; Mr. Jamison, Tom Murray; Mrs. Jamison, Barbara Hughes; son, Bobbie Hart; cook Betsy Davis; chauffeur, Ernest Tucker.



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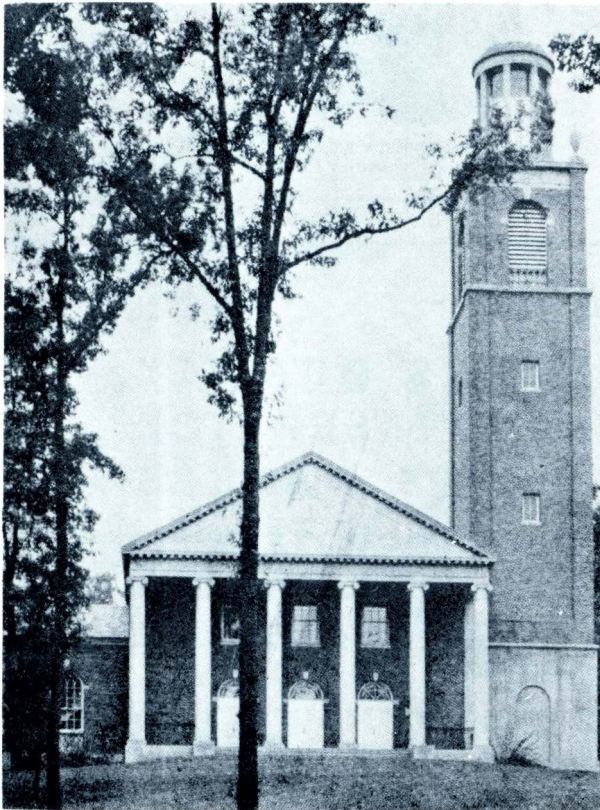
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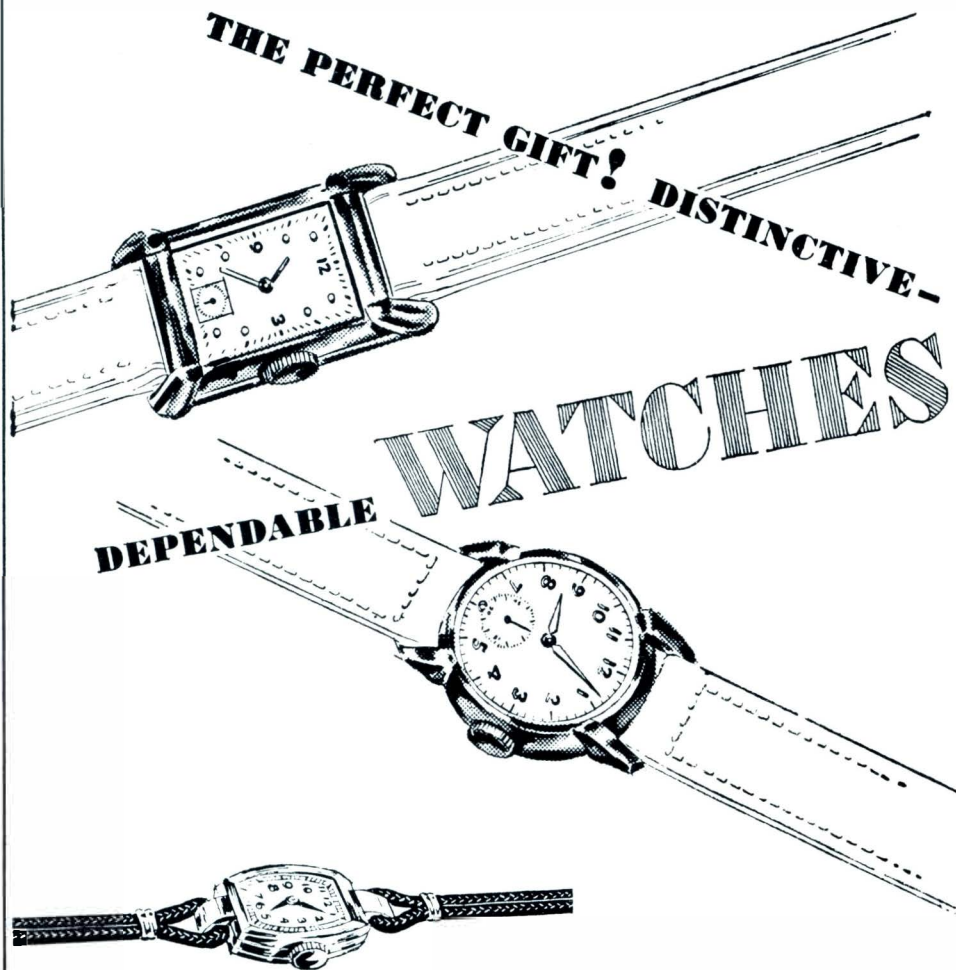
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